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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### NATO TALKS

THE statement attending the Western alliance conference in Paris have gone home to await the first reactions to their offers on disarmament and a meeting of Foreign Ministers.

It was not unexpected that Moscow would make an early announcement about the disarmament at the Russians have repeatedly stated that they intend to boycott the new 25-member commission.

Moscow reacted unfavourably to the idea and blamed the Western Powers for an alleged arms race. However, they have apparently left the door open as far as a Foreign Ministers' meeting is concerned as no mention of the proposal was made in the Moscow broadcast.

Western willingness to talk with Moscow does not indicate weakness, nor does it indicate that the West is prepared to change the substance of its proposals for a first stage world disarmament plan.

Parallel to probing Soviet intentions, the West took important decisions at the Paris conference to strengthen its defences and chief among these was the acceptance by NATO for Europe of American guided missiles and nuclear weapons.

### No Rush

It is obviously not the intention to rush into a Foreign Ministers' conference as high-level meetings with the Russians in the past have proved to be disappointing because not enough time was spent in preparation.

If the Russians show themselves interested in such a conference, it might be advisable to make the preparations through diplomatic channels.

The outcome of the Paris talks is not unfavourable. The suspicions that President Eisenhower and Mr Macmillan were trying to assert some form of Anglo-American domination over the other NATO members have been dispersed.

The theme of inter-dependence is gaining ground and even the largest nations are no longer feeling that they can be self-sufficient, but must depend to a certain extent on their allies.

However, although the Atlantic flanks have been turned it is necessary for NATO members to take individually an interest, without seeking influence, in other areas of the world, like the Middle East.

# FRANCO-US RELATIONS IMPROVE

## Tension Reduced By Paris Nato Conference

Paris, Dec. 20.

Relations between France and the United States were improved by talks between the French Premier, M. Felix Gaillard, and President Eisenhower and US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles during the Nato summit conference here.

Tension between both countries was caused by last year's Anglo-French action against Egypt and more recently by Anglo-American arms deliveries to Tunisia.

But observers, while pointing out the improvement in relations, say that the tension has not been entirely removed.

The published decisions of the heads of governments of Nato have given satisfaction here in three respects:

### Disarmament

1. The decision to do everything possible to reopen disarmament talks between the West and the Soviet Union strengthens the government's position in Parliament and corresponds to a widespread feeling throughout the country.

2. The acceptance by the Nato nations of the principle that the Nato armies should be equipped with intermediate ballistic missiles is as a whole welcomed here. It does not prejudice France's ultimate decision about whether to have launching ramps on her own territory, while at the same time it has avoided any suggestion that there was "senior" atomic members of Nato and "junior" non-atomic members—in which inferior category France might have been put.

3. A great source of satisfaction here is the agreement for close consultation between the Nato members on all political problems affecting any member nation where these problems arise in areas outside the Nato defence territory.

### Victory

This development, the French Government believes, will make it easier in future for France to rally the moral, if not material, support of its chief allies in regard to Algeria.

Although the declaration by Mr Foster Dulles yesterday on this subject has been criticised in the press, official quarters consider it quite a victory for French diplomacy to have wrested from America any declaration of any kind on this subject.—China Mail Special.

## FOOT MEETS CYPRIOT COMMUNIST

Nicosia, Dec. 20. Governor Sir Hugh Foot met with a Cypriot Communist leader today in a fresh effort to ease the tension which has gripped the island since his arrival. Foot, who has drawn plaudits from Greek-Cypriots by the fearlessness with which he walks alone and unarmed through the streets, called on Costa, Parnisides, Mayor of Limassol and a known Communist.

They spoke together for 90 minutes. An official source said afterwards that their talk was "unconced with politics." Foot has been meeting representatives of all shades of Cypriot political opinion since he arrived here a month ago. His term as Governor has been marked by almost daily rising by Greek-Cypriots in support of their demands for Enosis—union with Greece.—United Press.

## Dors' Boyfriend Fined For Obstruction

London, Dec. 20. Professional strongman Tommy Yeardy, boy friend of bosomy actress Diana Dors, today was found guilty of obstructing and assaulting a policeman. The incident occurred last November 29 while Yeardy was driving Miss Dors in her blue Cadillac.

Miss Dors was in court and gave evidence for the defence. The Magistrate fined Yeardy 30 guineas with 30 guineas costs and disqualified him from driving for 12 months on the dangerous driving charge. He fined him two pounds for obstructing a policeman, said there would be no penalty for assaulting the policeman and dismissed the charge of failing to stop.

The blonde actress—recently separated from her husband, Dennis Hamilton—has filed summons against the police for assault and using abusive language.—United Press.

## Killed By Shark

Johannesburg, Dec. 20. Sharks and crocodiles have made several schoolboy victims off the coast of Natal in the past three days.

A shark killed a 15-year-old schoolboy, Allan Green, while he was bathing near Durban today, while a crocodile killed another 11-year-old boy on Wednesday at St Lucia Bay.

Yesterday, a shark bit off a third schoolboy's leg off the south coast of Natal. The boy was still alive today.—France-Press.

## Ben-Gurion Threatens To Resign

Jerusalem, Dec. 20. Israeli Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, has threatened to resign as of this Sunday for the purpose of forming a new government, authoritative circles said today.

These circles said that all efforts at mediation between Ben-Gurion and the left-wing Socialist Ahdut Avoda Party have so far failed. The dispute arose over a press campaign by this party, which forced Ben-Gurion to give up a plan to send an outstanding Israeli figure to West Germany on a temporary mission.

Ben-Gurion, leader of the Mapai labour party, insisted on the resignation of two ministers of the Ahdut party in his coalition government, for having supported the Government's plan for the mission to Germany and then using this as the basis for a campaign against the government.—France-Press.

## Five Die In Sydney Heatwave

Sydney, Dec. 20. Sydney was hit by a heatwave today but Christmas shoppers still packed searing city streets. Five people collapsed and died and 70 cases of heat exhaustion were reported. Temperatures rose to 108 degrees giving the city its hottest day for 19 years and the third highest recorded.

Glass workers stopped work, dockers' evening shifts were called off and firemen fought scores of scrub fires throughout Sydney suburbs where temperatures reached 113 degrees.—Reuter.

## No Argument

Ottawa, Ill., Dec. 20. Petrol station operator Lloyd Kelber and an unknown burglar who tried to rob him were in full agreement today. Kelber left a note in his cash drawer reading, "No money in here." Kelber found the postscript, "You weren't lying."—United Press.

## WEST NEEDS TO ELIMINATE DIFFERENCES

Paris, Dec. 20.

Alfred Stirling, Australian Ambassador to France, today advocated complete and continuous consultations between Western powers to eliminate differences in their policies on problems in the Pacific, Southeast Asia and the Near East.

In a speech at the International Diplomatic Academy in Paris, Stirling stressed the identity of interests of members of the Nato, Santo and Baghdad pacts, in the development of common plans against the Communist threat.

In Australia, he said, we fully appreciate the importance not only for Europe but for us, at the other end of the world, of closer co-operation between the Nato countries.

### Great Effect

He said the Australian Government would like to be sure that the Nato partners would not lose sight of the great effect events in Asia might have upon world security, and upon their own capacity to resist Communist expansion in Europe.

Stirling warned that a revival of Communist agitation in the form of subversion should be expected, and that it is vital to prepare to counteract this tactic.

### Maintain Forces

"We must maintain our armed forces," he said, "and what is more important, we must eliminate differences in our political attitudes concerning Asia and the Middle East. We must have complete and continuing consultations on these problems as a whole. It is essential to develop plans to cope with the political and military threat of Communism on a world scale."—France-Press.

## DOCKYARD NORMAL

All workmen are back on the job at the Naval Dockyard this morning. The men downed tools yesterday for a short period.

Delegates from the right-wing union are having a meeting with the Civil Secretary. The meeting was still going on at press time.

Dismissal notes are being handed out during the course of the morning.

## IKE'S BROTHER

Independence, Dec. 20. Mr Arthur Eisenhower, brother of President Eisenhower, was granted court permission yesterday to reduce alimony payments to his former wife from \$350 to \$175 a month. The couple were divorced in 1924. Mr Arthur Eisenhower is a former Kansas city banker.—China Mail Special.

## REPLACING DUTCH TRADE

Djakarta, Dec. 20.

Professor Sunardjo, the Minister of Commerce, told the nation in a broadcast that Indonesia could get other countries to replace Indonesia's foreign trade dealings with Holland, it was reported today.

The newspaper Sin Po, reported that the Minister declared last night the people should look to the future although present export conditions were dull.

According to Sin Po, he said this dullness was caused by two factors:

1. Exports, he stated, after Indonesia took some measures against the Dutch in the economic and monetary fields.

2. Stagnation of KPM Dutch inter-island ships so that export goods could not be moved from the various harbours.

The Minister said the people could use boats to help replace KPM ships although at present because of westerly winds sailing conditions were not the best.

The Minister said Indonesia's imports from the Netherlands of milk, powder, textiles, fertilizer and machinery could all be obtained from other countries.

The Sin Po reported him as saying that the Netherlands provided only 10 per cent of Indonesia's total imports.

Forty per cent came from various Asian countries and the rest from Europe, America and other nations.—Reuter.

## Indus Basin Waters

New Delhi, Dec. 20. India is not prepared to wait beyond 1952 for a settlement of her dispute with Pakistan over the distribution of the Indus basin waters, Mr S. K. Patil, Irrigation and Power Minister, told the Indian lower house today.

He said in that year India would require the water, otherwise conditions for millions of Indian farmers would deteriorate.

The problem is to share equitably between India and Pakistan the waters of the Punjab's five rivers, some of which start in India and flow into Pakistan.—Reuter.

## Best Tips For Today's Valley Races

By "Rapier"

RACE 1

Tonyber  
Dutch Courage  
Splendid  
Outsider:—

RACE 2

Caravelle  
Pearl of Hongkong  
Dilkoosh  
Outsider:—Matador.

RACE 3

Attractive Power  
Tamerlane  
Alex's Gift  
Outsider:—Every Day.

RACE 4

Bashful Beauty II  
Furnish Arrow  
Don Juan  
Outsider:—Kelpie.

RACE 5

French Bean  
Mademoiselle  
Forward View  
Outsider:—High Noon.

RACE 6

Knock-Again  
Ambition  
Iping  
Outsider:—Edinburgh.

RACE 7

Pot O'Gold  
Thousand Miles  
Another Victory  
Outsider:—Angel's Pearl.

RACE 8

Rose  
Old Tyro  
Templation  
Outsider:—Glory.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Splendid  
Dutch Courage  
Tonyber  
Outsider:—Carola.

RACE 2

Caravelle  
Sabrina  
Pearl of Hongkong  
Outsider:—Matador.

RACE 3

Alex's Gift  
Air Power  
Attractive Power  
Outsider:—Tamerlane.

RACE 4

Bashful Beauty II  
Don Juan  
Kelpie  
Outsider:—The Champ.

RACE 5

Eureka  
French Bean  
Miracle  
Outsider:—Mademoiselle.

RACE 6

Knock-Again  
Ambition  
Iping  
Outsider:—Edinburgh.

RACE 7

Thousand Miles  
Thousand Miles  
Pot O'Gold  
Outsider:—Another Victory.

RACE 8

Templation  
Iron Wing  
Rose  
Outsider:—Cheerful.

## TODAY'S TEASER TIP

For Race 6  
If you this without success, try ringing the bell.  
Our Teaser Tip for last Saturday was "Just an overgrown antelope" (King Kong) came in first and paid \$10.10 for a win and \$6.40 for a place.

## Delegate Killed In Union Battle

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 20. One union delegate was killed and eight others were injured seriously in a blacked out battle last night climaxing a stormy brewery workers' debate whether to go on strike starting new year.

As the heated discussion progressed, some one threw the light switch blocking out the small hall crowded by 200 delegates. In the ensuing free-for-all, the workers used chairs and

weapons, striking out indiscriminately in dark. Some delegates panicked at the sound of shots and rushed the entrance trampling one another and reducing the hall to shambles. Antonio Celesto, 35, was found on the sidewalk beneath a first floor window from which he either jumped or was thrown. He died on the way to the hospital from internal injuries.—United Press.

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# Anthony Fuller's Column

## CHRISTMAS FILM FARE IS VERY MIXED

THERE is a very mixed fare for Christmas. Or on the other hand, you might say it is like a Christmas stocking into which you dip and take your luck. In actual fact, there is no picture with a Christmas flavour, but there are a few with a holiday atmosphere.

Take, for instance, "April Love," which will open at the Roxy, and the Broadway. I have described it elsewhere as a twentieth century pastoral set to music.

I consider that a fairly good description. Pat Boone stars in it along with Shirley Jones. It is a nice wholesome picture, and the songs are sweet. There is also a very nice and intelligent horse in the picture.

For romance, you will have to go along to the Star and Metropole. There, "Interlude" will be on show. Here you get June Allyson and Rossano Brazzi in a love drama filmed against the romance towns of Europe. This is quite a good show, and will suit the average adult extremely well.

Comedy? Then the King's and Princess is your show with Jerry Lewis acting the goat in



Jerry Lewis eyes lovely Martha Hyer in "The Delicate Delinquent."

"The Delicate Delinquent." He is assumed to have become involved with some juvenile gangs.

The Queen's and Alhambra are offering a very good film

Now beyond the above, I cannot be certain for at the moment there is a little confusion in Hongkong's cinema world as new buildings go up and others come down, and one thing and another.

Hoover and Liberty have a film, "The Invisible Boy," a sort of science-fiction thing in which the Robot steals the picture. They have also a new print of Laurel and Hardy in "Bonnie Scotland," which will be the choice for the holidays.

The next difficulty is the Lee and Astor group. The one was to have re-opened, and the other to have opened simultaneously. They have some jolly good films lined up, but unfortunately the Astor cannot come into line because they have not yet received permission to open their doors.

So the Lee has to carry on, but although Rank have released the Bolshoi Ballet to one theatre alone, that is an exception to the distributor's rule. Before the "Pajama Game" is released, the Astor must receive its permit. It is possible, however, that the Ballet will have a good run.

There you are then, that's the Christmas Fare. All the pictures are bright and entertaining in their different ways.

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Italian spectacular in En-  
lish.  
HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The  
Invisible Boy." A science-  
fiction thriller. Richard  
Eyer, Philip Abbott, Diane  
Brewster, and Robby the  
Robot.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "The  
Delicate Delinquent." Jerry  
Lewis in a crazy comedy.  
QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA:  
"All-Baba and the Forty  
Thieves." A colourful ver-  
sion of this pantomime  
classic, starring Fernandel.  
STAR & METROPOLE:  
"Man Afraid." A terrify-  
ing suspense thriller, star-  
ring George Nader, Phyllis  
Thaxter, and Tim Hovey.

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LEE & ASTOR: "The Pajama  
Game." Doris Day, John  
Carroll, Robert F. Hoy, and  
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"April Love." Pat Boone  
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Gable and Yvonne DeCarlo  
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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

## MEN'S HAIR-DO 'TEMPLE' BOOMS

MARLON BRANDO  
That forward fringe.

Paris. COULD you picture film tough man Gary Cooper, the lanky hero of so many Westerns, sitting under a hair-drier, complete with hair net?

Unbelievable? Well, today I can reveal that this HAS happened—in a Paris hair-dressing salon which

has created a new mode for men. And Cooper is just one of several big-name clients.

Peter Ustinov, Jean Cocteau, David Niven, Marlon Brando, and ever former French Premier, Mendes-France, all go there.

And not one of them looks shamefaced. They just look smug.

## Long Hair

For 25s. a time and an appointment booked in advance, the men clients of all nationalities have a shampoo, a restyling cut, a friction massage, and a set.

They arrive at the rate of 160 to 200 a day at the salon in the Rue St Honoré, run by Michel Grenillon, son of a French film producer.

It was he who originally cut Marlon Brando's hair with that forward fringe that became a kind of cult among youths all over the world.

In whatever way Michel cuts or arranges a client's hair, it is always short. "Long hair for men is a back number everywhere in the world except in England," he said today.

"But I have many English clients who come regularly

and once they have had a styling they come again. "Take Peter Ustinov, for instance, I cut that mass of hair short and he likes it."

"But as soon as he goes back to England his hair grows again and we have to start right from the beginning."

"My great despair is David Niven. You cannot separate him from his typical English personality. It is his trade mark—so his hair has to stay in the English style. But he is the only one."

"Nearly all male film stars have to dye their hair," said Michel. "It is the fault of colour films. The natural colour nearly always has to be brightened."

## Bald Men

Alec Guinness and Bing Crosby have been to the salon too.

"But you cannot do much for bald men," said Michel, "except cut what hair they have very short."

Film actor Louis Jourdan has his hair cut in tough style to counteract the handsome regularity of his features.

French star Jean Marais, who is only 30, has natural white hair which has to be freshly dyed for each film.

What about the Yul Brynner bald-head style?

All right for him, says Michel, because he has an extraordinarily arresting face.

## Woman's Cut

Scissors are not often used in this temple of male beauty. All the hair is cut while it is wet with a razor.

"I style the hair in the same way as a short cut for women," said Michel. "It aims to give a shape to the head while counteracting any irregularity of feature."

And he added thoughtfully: "After all, you know, most men are every bit as vain as women."

PETER USTINOV  
Long, short, long ...

## AN 'ODE TO A SPUTNIK'

London. Moscow radio today broadcast in English an "Ode to a Sputnik" sent in by an unnamed resident of New York.

Sample verses include:  
Little sputnik flying high  
In the earth's surrounding sky,  
Can you tell me from up there  
If the earth still looks as neat?

Lonely sputnik tiny toy,  
You're an object to enjoy,  
Singing down your dainty beep,  
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Riding through the heavens with you—  
United Press.

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WHY are blinds normally taxed (30 per cent) unless they are "fitted with a circular peephole not less than three inches in diameter?"

WHY are false beards and moustaches taxed at 30 per cent—except "if each hair of such beards or moustaches is separately waved or shaped and separately directed to a heading to be summed to the face?"

Forty-three-year-old Mr Nabarro—whose luxuriant moustache is all his own—is a company director.

He said last week: "This purchase tax lies the hands of our manufacturers behind their backs. Britain is the only country with such an archaic system."

"It will save the country money if they abolish this tax and substitute a simple turnover or sales tax."

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other toothbrush racks pay only 30 per cent?

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## CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE

London. An early bird Santa Claus was spreading Christmas cheer in a London department store last week when in stalked a disgruntled young customer.

The small boy kicked Father Christmas on the shin.

"That's for last Christmas," he muttered, and walked out.—United Press.

## Houses, But No Shops

Berlin. Shopping has become a problem for residents of new large housing projects.

Often there are no stores near projects with hundreds of apartments.

Many project residents, therefore, have to shop near their jobs and carry their purchases home with them.

The reason for the shortage is that the housing projects are financed by government funds but stores are not.

Therefore no stores are built along with the houses.—United Press.

## THE ZANY TAX, CHINSTRAPS, AND NABARRO

London. CHINSTRAPS for correcting double chins are subject to 90 per cent purchase tax, while such things as wrist and ankle supports are tax-free.

This zany fact from the Beechcombe world of the tax officials was brought to light last week by Mr Gerald Nabarro, the Tory MP for Kidderminster.

He launched a four-month-long campaign against purchase tax by tabling 82 questions to be answered in the Commons by the Chancellor, Mr Peter Thorneycroft.

The last question comes on March 25—just before Mr Thorneycroft makes up his mind about the next Budget.

About those chinstraps: he wants to know why they cannot be tax-free. And the same goes for "cups for protecting ears, at present chargeable as items of haberdashery."

'Free' eyelashes

Now here are some more of the Nabarro questions. First, on behalf of feminine charm:

WHY do eyelash curlers pay 90 per cent tax while eyebrow combs pay only 30 per cent and false eyelashes go for nothing?

WHY do most hair curlers pay 90 per cent but those for use with heat only 30 per cent?

WHY do bottles of liquid stocking make-up pay 90 per cent when stockings themselves pay only 5 per cent?

WHY do blunt-ended hairpins and those with a head bigger than a half-inch pay purchase tax when sharp-ended and small-headed ones do not?

For the family

Now here are some more questions for the whole family:

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**JOE JACOBS** was sitting in his New York office when he walked Mike McTigue. The famous fight manager recognised his visitor. He knew everyone in the boxing business, and he knew all about this crazy Irishman.

Mike had been around for something like 10 years. He'd fought the best middleweights in the world, but he'd never got anywhere.

"What can I do for you, Mike?" he asked, shifting a 10-inch cigar from one side of his mouth to the other.

"You can do my business for me," replied McTigue. "I am looking for a manager who knows a good fight, when he sees one. What's your team up?"

Jacobs thought rapidly. McTigue must have had a dozen managers in his time. He was not a man to get on with. Would he be too much of a headache?

"I guess there's a few more fights in you yet," he said. "OK, Mike—we're in business. There's a promoter up in Canada who wants an opponent for a coloured middle called 'How much?' queried the Irishman.

"We're guaranteed 750 dollars," said Mike, and went off to the gym. He wasn't interested in knowing the name of his opponent.

It was George Robinson, a first-class lad who had just

knocked out Johnny Wilson, the middleweight champion.

The match with veteran McTigue was reckoned a good thing for Robinson. Jacobs knew this, but as the Irishman seemed indifferent as to whom he fought, he decided to take the fight. Mike was experienced enough to get himself out of trouble and put up a good show.

McTigue knew all the moves and had a good left hand. He was content to coast through the rounds and leave all the work to the other fellow.

After three rounds Jacobs was exasperated. "Why don't you use your right?" he bawled at Mike as he reached his corner. "This guy's sucker for a right hook—or are you rowing the fight?"

McTigue didn't answer. At the bell he walked straight into Robinson and hit him

ZANIES OF THE RING—10

# Mike McTigue

By GILBERT ODD

clean on the chin with a beautiful right hook. The coloured boy shook like a jelly. He twisted round and fell forward as if he was diving. When they lifted him up, he was out to the world. It took 15 minutes to bring him round.

"With a punch like that, you ought to have been champion by now," sneered Jacobs in the dressing-room. "What's the matter with you?"

"I'm nearly 30," replied the Irishman. "What do I want to go round knocking guys out for? I couldn't get any fight if I did. Besides, that right hand of mine has been fractured for years. Don't expect too much of it."

**UNDER** Jacobs' skillful management he did very well, taking the fights as they came up, never bothering about the reputation of his rivals. Only once was he in the money. Except for one day he was sitting in the office while his manager was arguing over a contest at Madison Square Garden against another leading coloured middle Panama Joe Gans.

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"Ain't that Leo Flynn?" interrupted McTigue. "Don't argue with that sonofabitch. Take anything. If he's offering me a job it's because he wants to get me licked."

Leo had been one of Mike's innumerable managers, and there was no love lost between them. Their hatred of each other was mutual.

The match was duly made, and on the way from the dressing-room to the ring, McTigue produced a half bottle of brandy and handed it to Jacobs.

"When I ask for this, just give me a slug of it," he ordered.

The Garden was packed and the coloured man had been made favourite. He was beautifully muscled and gilded round the Irishman like a panther.

In took the first two rounds simply because McTigue did little but defend himself.

As he was going out for the third Mike took a big gulp from the bottle, and a few seconds later Gans found his head been hit by a cyclone.

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**RARELY** had they seen Mike fight like this. He was a reborn battler. At the end of the round he took another swig of brandy—a larger one—then put poor Gans through it again.

By the time the fight was over the coloured lad was done, and a triumphant Irishman was put in the ropes to a storm of cheering.

After a time Jacobs could see that no matter how cleverly he used his managerial qualities he'd never get McTigue any further in the game. The Irishman was past it and the big promoters just didn't want to know about him.

So he and Mike broke up, and Jacobs decided to take a holiday in Ireland. Perhaps he'd get a few fights in the old country, but he wanted to see the folk around Kilmonagh Parish in County Clare and his relatives in England.

He did get a few fights in this country, but they were of no account, and Mike was about to return to America and buy a saloon with his savings when something happened to make him cancel his passage.

Battling Siki had just knocked out Georges Carpentier for the world's light-heavyweight title. It had been a sensational

upset, and a London promoter immediately matched the winner with Joe Beckett, the British heavy-weight champion.

But the Home Office stepped in and banned the fight because of Siki's misdoings in France whereupon an enterprising matchmaker signed Siki to defend his title against McTigue in Dublin.

Siki was broke and out of favour in Paris. Neither he nor his manager knew anything about McTigue, and they were kidded that he was finished as a fighter.

Nor were the Englishmen informed that there was almost a civil war in Ireland at the time.

**WHILE** the fight cracked out, the arena and boxes exploded in the nearby streets. McTigue coddled to a comfortable points victory.

I'll give you one guess who was the first to meet him on his return to New York. Joe Jacobs was there to marvel at a washed-up scrapper could go away and win a world's crown without any managerial assistance. They named up again, and now Jacobs had something to sell.

He went straight to Tex Rickard, who proposed to match with Gene Tunney, the American light-heavyweight champion.

"McTigue puts his title on the line and I guarantee you 125,000 dollars," offered the big promoter. Jacobs nearly swallowed his cigar in trying to hide his emotion.

"I'll go talk to Mike," he mumbled and nearly broke his neck in reaching the Irishman.

To his chagrin and annoyance Mike refused to play ball. "If Rickard's bid and Tunney they'll steal the title from me," he argued. "Can't you get me a fight out of New York?"

"Listen, Mike," pleaded Jacobs. "You're on the way out. Only with Tunney can you clean up in a big way. Why have a dozen more fights when one will bring you a fortune? And there's always the chance that you'll win."

"I ain't had the title long enough to risk losing it so soon," complained Mike. "If I go in with Tunney I'll lose it for sure."

"For the money they are paying they could steal anything off me," snapped Jacobs. "O.K. forget it. I'll like a match with Young Stribling in his home town."

But we're only getting 17,500 dollars, remember."

"That will do nicely," beamed McTigue. "A nice, quiet fight out in the sticks, where it won't matter. And insist that we take our own referee."

**AT** first everything went smoothly. McTigue, Jacobs, referee Harry Ertle (there to see the champion had a square deal), with trainer Dai Dollins, duly arrived at Columbus in Georgia. A hotel and training quarters were fixed up for Mike, who was in the best of spirits until two days before the fight he fractured the little finger of his left hand.

In ordinary circumstances he would have looked Stribling every night of the week with a broken bone in each hand, but his precious title made him ultra cautious. He refused to fight.

Finally there was a stand-up row, the promoter marched out in a blazing temper and McTigue started to pack.

Inside half an hour a body of men marched into the hotel room. The spokesman said that nine of them were doctors and each in turn gravely examined the Irishman's damaged finger. Each and everyone stated that there was no break and that the champion was fit to box.

McTigue told them to go and chase themselves, but changed his tone when he was told that all in the room were members of the dreaded Ku Klux Klan.

"We stand no nonsense in the South," said the ring-leader. "If you don't fight, McTigue, you'll never leave this town alive. We'll stay you all up on that tree outside here. We mean business."

An armed man stayed outside the door, there were guards day and night in front of the hotel. When the time came to go to the arena a force of desperate men escorted McTigue through the streets. Compared with this Dublin had been a picnic.

The Klansmen had got their way, but had very poor value for their money. It was the worst fight ever fought anywhere, for McTigue refused to even out, being content to let Stribling run on to his punches.

Around the ring-side sat men with huge revolvers in their laps. They kept encouraging the local boy and tawled at McTigue whenever he scored. In the corner Jacobs was very



Mike McTigue.

comprehensive and at the end of the last round he caught the referee's eye and spread his arms out wide.

This was the signal for a drawn decision, something that Joe fondly imagined would result in a peaceful conclusion. Ertle could quite easily have given the verdict to McTigue but a draw saved the title—so what.

At once there was a furious outburst and the fans stormed the ring. Hastening to leave it, the referee led a gun barrel jugged in his ribs and someone suggested that he had made a mistake.

McTIGUE'S corner was surrounded and Mike couldn't leave it. There was shouting and boeing, someone let off a gun, then the promoter dashed over to Stribling, brought him to the centre of the ring, and raised his hand in token of victory.

At once the bees turned in cheers and the revolver disappeared.

McTigue's party couldn't have cared less. They hastened back to the hotel, packed and hired a car to drive them to Atlanta.

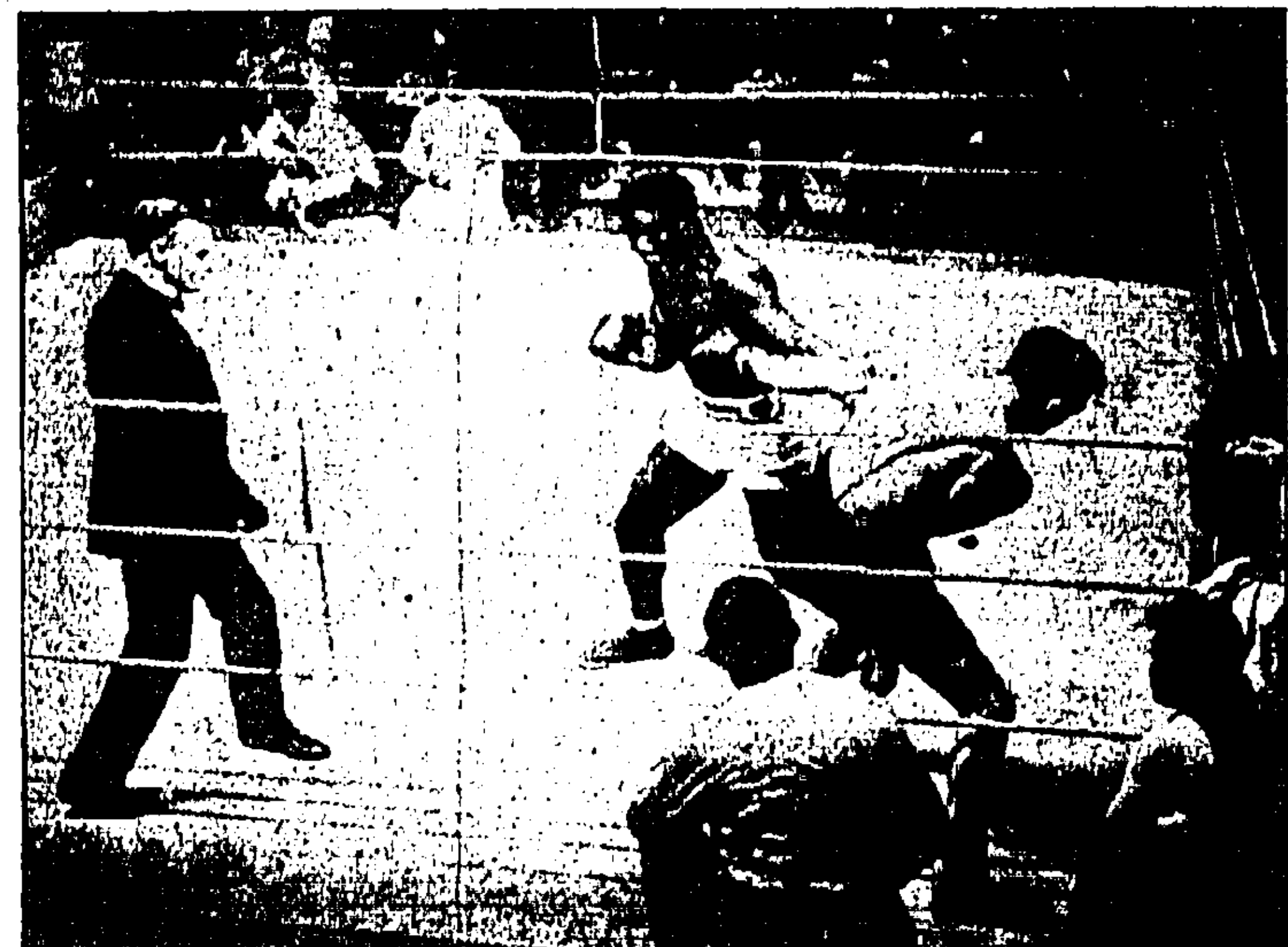
There Jacobs phoned all the New York papers that the official decision was a draw and Ertle provided sworn testimony before a notary. Then all four breathed a sigh of relief as the train took them 'out of Georgia.

"A clever guy, eh," sneered Jacobs. "You turn down 125 grand for a nice quiet fight. You and I are through."

"Suits me," answered Mike. "I won the championship without your help. I'll lose it the same way."

He did too. First time he risked it the decision went to Paul Berlingbach, and although he did get an opportunity to win it again against Tommy Loughran two years later he once more was outpointed.

By that time Mike was 33 and only the loftiest optimist would have given him a chance of winning. But McTigue never knew when he was beaten and he fought on for another three years until the Boxing Commission stepped in and said that's enough.



McTigue v Siki on March 19, 1913.

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## ... EVEN THOUGH IT MEANT A BREACH

"We are not a family, we are a firm," said King George VI. He organised the firm with business efficiency. And the most important thing of all was that every member of the firm must obey the rules.

TEN days after the defeat of Germany, the King and Parliament of Great Britain celebrated the victory of a free people. The two Houses of Parliament assembled in the Royal Gallery. The King, attired in naval uniform, came accompanied by the Queen and the two Princesses.

The Lord Chancellor read an address of congratulation from the House of Lords, and the Speaker one from the House of Commons. The King answered in a prepared speech of thanks.

This ceremony was without precedent. The two Houses had addressed monarchs for centuries. And Kings had replied. But always by messengers. Never in this intimate fashion, met together in one place.

As the King rose to leave there came something still more surprising. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister waved his top-hat in the air and cried: "Three cheers for his Majesty." Lords and Commons responded with full-throated acclaim. Solemn formality turned into a family party.

So schoolboys at the end of term cheer a popular headmaster. No other King of Britain has received this simple, heartfelt tribute. George VI had indeed become "The People's King."

### THE KING-MAKERS

THIS was a far cry from the dark December day in 1936 when George ascended the Throne. Then he was inexperienced and almost unknown. The British monarchy had sunk all its emotional capital in Edward VIII. His abdication was a blow from which, in the opinion of many judges, it might never recover.

Three men put George on the Throne: Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister; Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury; Geoffrey Dawson, editor of The Times.

The new King might well have applied to himself

words which Dawson used years before when restored to his editorial chair: "I must provide a period of staidness, even of stodginess, after the upsets we have been through."

The preceding 10 months must be rubbed out of existence.

Edward's coins had fortunately never been issued. Stamps could be speedily withdrawn. The new Civil List contained no provision for the ex-King.

### SOME SENIOR PRIVY

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Hence Parliament could ignore the former Monarch. And not only Parliament. George VI created his brother Duke of Windsor immediately on ascending the Throne.

With this his affection was, it seems, exhausted.

He ruled that the Duchesses were not a Royal Highness. It was a ruling he maintained throughout his reign.

### RESENTMENT?

WHAT inspired this harsh decision which created an irreparable breach between the Duke of Windsor and his family?

Was it resentment at the role which the Duchess had unwittingly and unwillingly played?

Was it prompted by other members of the Royal Family?

Or did it spring from the King's feeling that rules were meant to be obeyed—by himself and his family as much as by others?

Certainly this was his own rule. And George VI made it the centre of royal life.

He brought back the elderly Court officials whom his brother had pensioned off. He moved the furniture back into its old place.

### YET BEHIND THIS RIGID

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### OF HIMSELF: "I AM JUST

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He continued the tradition of duty which his father had inherited from Queen Victoria.

The new King abandoned his own name and took his father's. Bertie was almost as forgotten as David. And George VI celebrated his father's birthday, not his own, at the Trooping the Colour. By the end of his reign he had even acquired George V's handwriting.

A portrait of George VI must be drawn on two levels. On one side, the quiet family man who lived as thousands of prosperous members of the middle-class did in their suburban homes. On the other, the King who expressed the majesty and power of what was still a Great Empire.

There was in George VI, one might say, nothing of the aristocrat, though much of the monarch.

### FEW FRIENDS

HE had no desire for private pomp. The new King and Queen brought to Buckingham Palace the simple habits which had satisfied them in their home in Fife. And they never changed.

George and Elizabeth had relatively few friends, and these for the most part little-known country gentlemen to whom they could escape for a quiet week-end.

In London George lived almost exclusively with his family. He liked nothing better

than to lunch alone with the Queen, helping himself from a side-table. The King drank draught beer, the Queen sometimes a glass of claret.

In the evenings the family would listen to the radio or, later, watch television. George had a technical interest in these things from the earliest days and always wished to know how his set worked.

His favourite media entertainer during the war was Tommy Handley. Later he became enthusiastic for Danny Kaye and made a large collection of his records.

### HIS CHOICE

THE King had a private cinema where he watched most of the commercial successes. He knew the Marx Brothers films by heart, but had also a strong taste for documentaries which satisfied his practical mind.

He liked to run the projecting machine himself, and he never wearied of stopping a film in full course, holding an actor suspended in comic pose, or arresting one of his daughters in mid-dive. On particularly gay nights he would run a film backwards.

George and Elizabeth never developed an interest in bridge. They were keen canasta players during its brief craze. But usually they preferred round games with the children.

As Duke of York, George had been skilled in tapestry and made admirable chair covers. Later he found it difficult to settle down to anything.

His only enduring hobby was to collect campaign medals of the British Army. He himself designed the George Cross. When younger, the Duke had been a fine tennis



## George VI and kill a scuttle

THE IMPROBABLE KING: PART 2  
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## Churchill plan

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● The King inspects crops at Sandringham in 1942. The Queen goes by trap, the others cycle to save petrol.  
Right: The pilot.

player and in 1920 entered for the doubles championship at Wimbledon, though beaten in the first round. The defeat is said to have implanted a lasting dislike of tennis in other members of his family. In later life George played golf with reasonable competence.

His great enthusiasm, however, was for shooting. He was a first-rate shot, though he never attained George V's position as the best shot in the country—the first time for centuries that a King did anything markedly better than any of his subjects.

George made no secret of his preference in the theatre. It was for musical plays and the music-hall. Serious plays he avoided whenever possible. Open he detested. The biggest hit with him was "Annie Get Your Gun", and he used to sing the lyrics from it with additions—at private dinner parties. His last public appearance was to see "South Pacific".

### UNCENSORED

THE Crazy Gang was his highest preference in the music hall. Once, visiting their performance soon after Princess Margaret had been, he asked: "Am I seeing the show my daughter saw?"

WHEN TOLD SOME MATERIAL HAD BEEN CENSORED, HE REPLIED: "PUT IT ALL BACK AGAIN." AND HE LED THE LAUGHTER AT THE BROADEST JOKES.

Courts have sometimes been centres of culture. This had not been so in England since the death of the Prince Consort, and George VI left the situation unchanged. The Queen had wide interests in literature and the arts, but they were very much her private concern. The visits of Sir Osbert Sitwell or Dr A. L. Rowse to Buckingham Palace were mentioned in the Court Circular.

The Queen went alone to art exhibitions or accompanied only by Princess Margaret. George VI made one recorded art criticism. When shown some drawings of Windsor Castle with cloud effects, he remarked: "What bad weather you must have had, Mr Piper."

### HIS ROUTINE

IN this, as in everything else, George VI was the representative man, or rather the man most Britons would like to be. And not least in his rigid adherence to duty. His early morning routine was a parable of his life. After shaving himself with a safety razor he put on a dark ten "make-up". Underneath he was tense, drawn, racked with ill-health. On the surface radiant with open-air energy. All through his being he was resolved to go on until he dropped dead.

Duty meant for George a round of ceremonial. He said years before: "We are not a family. We are a firm." And he organized the firm with business efficiency.

The King checked the list of engagements for each member of the Royal Family. A large wall-map, stuck with pins, enabled him to follow their movements throughout the year.

There was no pin for the Duke of Windsor.

### THE SYMBOL

GEORGE VI gradually restored the routine which had been interrupted at the death of his father. He was trying to restore normally both for himself and the British people.

Events thwarted his desire. In September 1939 Great Britain was plunged into the Second World War.

From the day that war broke out the King never appeared in public except in uniform. This was a symbol that he, like the whole nation, was on active service. The symbol proved truer than he and others at first guessed.

In early days kings rode out to war while their people stayed behind. Then for centuries kings remained at home and the fighting men went out to battle.

In the summer of 1940 when France fell, when invasion seemed imminent, when German bombers swarmed over London, King and people alike stood in the front line.

George VI did not falter. This seems easy and obvious now. It was different at the time. Probably only the united resolve of King and Prime Minister prevented a wholesale scuttling of Court, Government and Parliament into the country. Such plans had been made by the previous Government. George VI and Churchill tore them up.

The King and Queen remained steadfastly at Buckingham Palace through the heaviest bombing, going down to Windsor only at the weekends.

### BOMBED

ON one occasion the Prime Minister came to lunch and learned only at the end of the meal that bombs had fallen on the Palace a few hours previously.

The King himself had been showered with broken glass. Before the raids ended the King could say proudly: "There's not a window left in the whole building place." But when bombs fell, King and Queen had no thought for their own safety nor even for their own home. They at once left for a tour of the heavily damaged areas in the East End.

MANY WEALTHY PEOPLE SENT THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN OVERSEAS. CABINET MINISTERS AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS JOINED IN THE IGNORANT SCRAMBLE. NOT SO THE KING. HE CLAIMED NO PRIVILEGES BEYOND THOSE ENJOYED BY THE POOREST OF HIS SUBJECTS.

His two daughters spent the war years at Windsor, just as children from the East End were evacuated to the country. But to a suggestion that they should go to America, the Queen replied: "The Princesses could not go without me; I could not leave the King; and of course the King will never leave."

George VI set an example of courage and resolve merely by remaining at Buckingham Palace. He did more. He was tireless in his round of duties.

He insisted on decorating all ranks himself, which no King had done before. He constantly visited the fighting Forces in Britain and overseas.

His visits to factories were even more valuable. There he established Ministers and industrial directors by his technical knowledge.

Nor did he confine himself to inspections. Learning that there was a shortage of parts for anti-tank guns, he had a lathe installed at Windsor Castle and worked happily on it at week-ends.

### RATIONING

THE King loved working to rule. The war brought plenty of rules to which he could work.

Rationing was strictly enforced at the royal table, with perhaps a little relaxation when the Prime Minister came to lunch.

OFFERING A SANDWICH TO A VISITOR, THE KING EXCLAIMED: "I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN THESE. SAWDUST, I EXPECT." HE WAS NOT FAR WRONG.

As darkness fell, George often stepped out into the courtyard to check the palace blackout. Nor was he above drawing the curtains in the study himself: "No use singing for service round here."

When fuel became scarce, the King kept Windsor and Buckingham Palace in a state of icy chill. Armed with a foot rule and a paint-brush, he went round the family bathrooms and marked the hot-water limit, five inches from the bottom.

He made do with his pre-war stock of clothes, of which he had indeed a plentiful supply. As his collars and cuffs wore out, new ones were made from his shirt-tails.

The King truly shared the hardships of his people. As well he faced special danger. Apart from the constant risk of bombs there was also the possibility that German paratroopers might attempt to kidnap him.

George spent half an hour each morning at revolver practice in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. He always travelled with a Sten gun by his side.

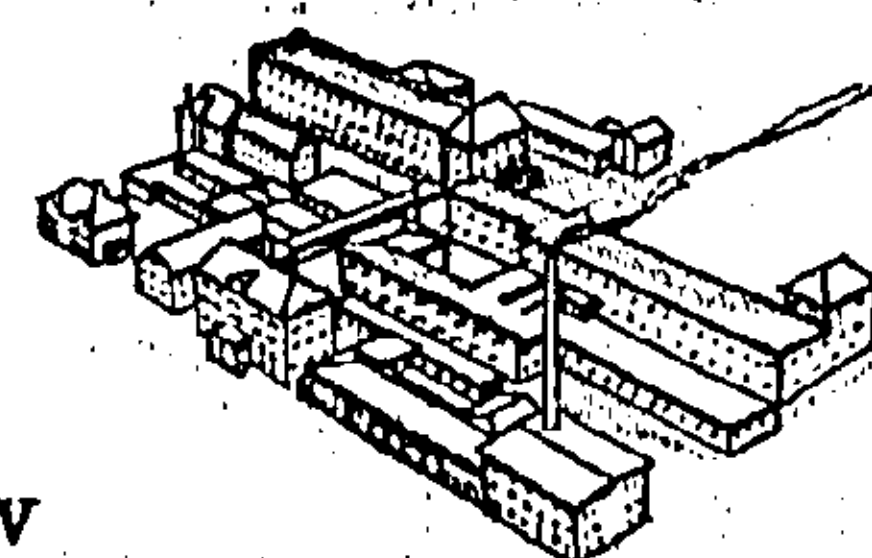
The chauffeur had strict instructions to drive on in case of attack while the King and his companion shot it out.

Though always in uniform, George VI understood that the Second World War made equal demands on civilians. It was his personal initiative that instituted the George Cross for acts of civil courage. At his own suggestion, too the cross was bestowed on the Island of Malta.

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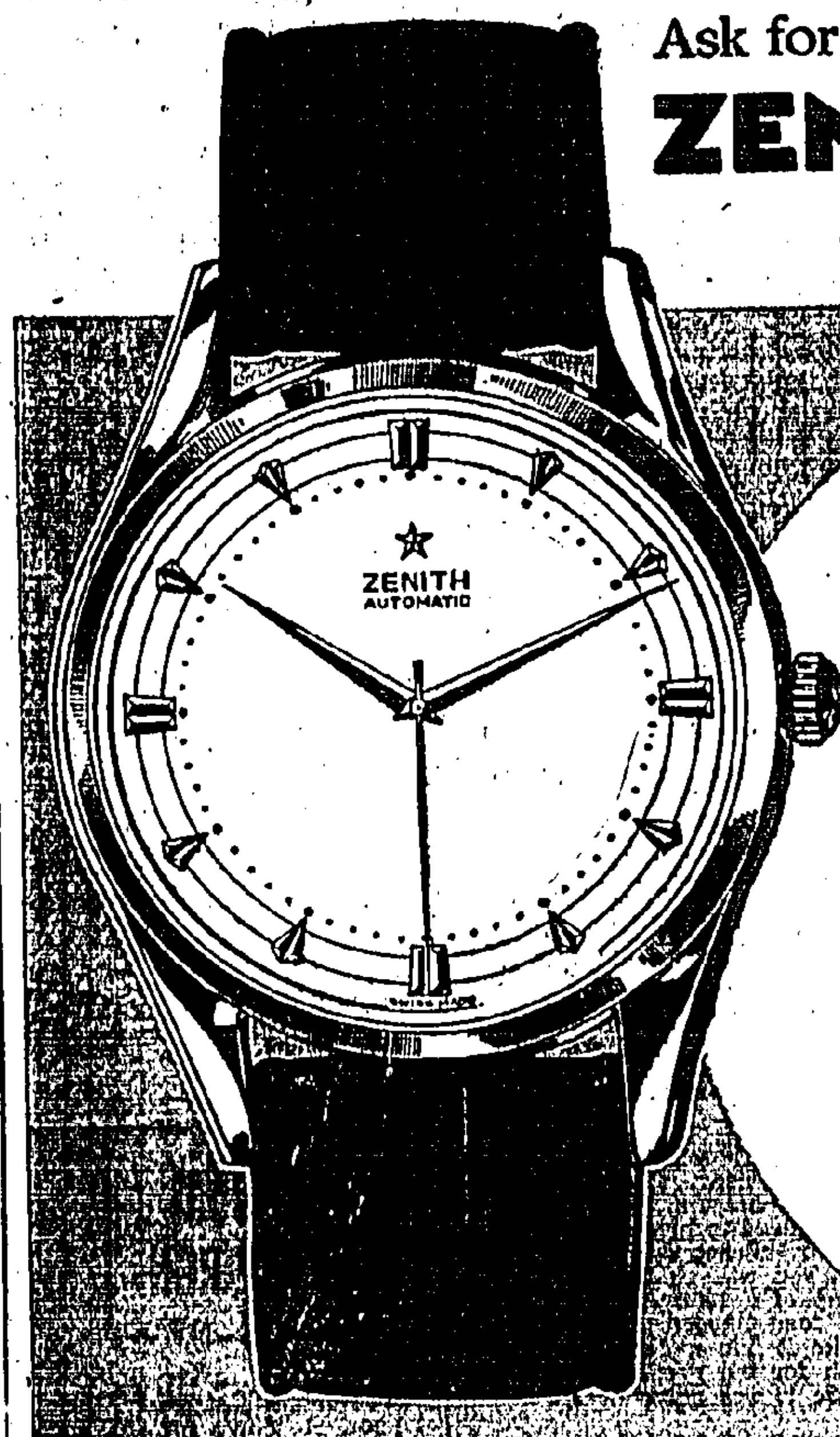
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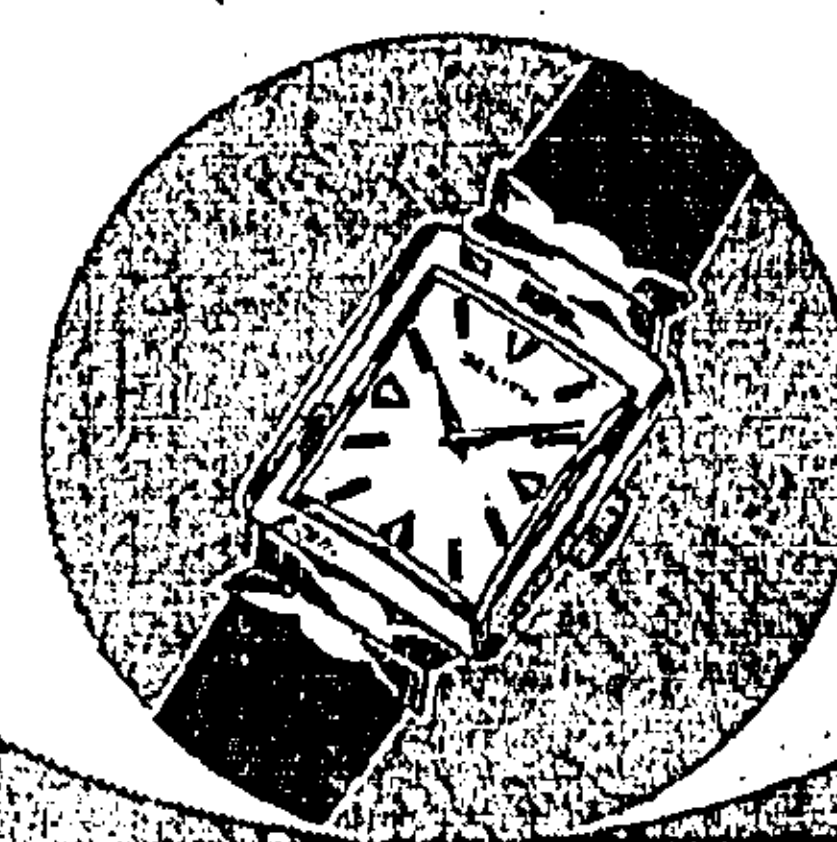
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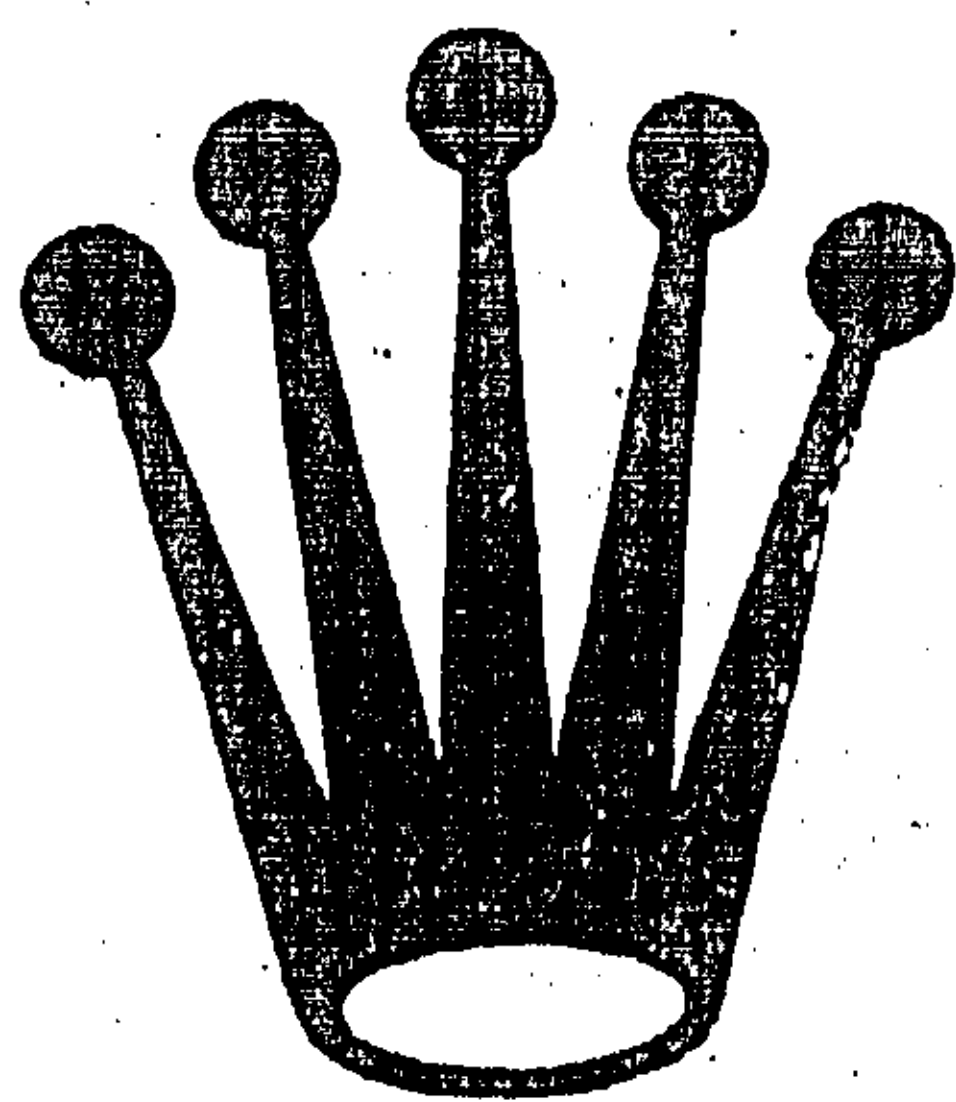
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# BE WARNED...

I HAVE a friend who has just decided to rent an old vicarage. There are many rooms to the vicarage and, stripped of furniture and covered with dust, each looks big enough to encompass a small rodeo or a moderate-sized touring circus.

"Carpets and curtains we must have," says my friend, "and on the closest estimate this will cost £210 4s. 6d., allowing for curtain runners and carpet tacks."

Out of his accumulated savings this will leave him £20 15s. 6d. for furniture. "But," he explains, "we will pick up a few things from the auction sales."

**Wigs... for mice**

ONCE, walking into an auction sale, I bumped into a small, round, completely bald man who was on the way out. His eyes blazed with gratified cupidity, he was clutching seven curly-haired wigs to his bosom.

I knew him well so I drew him gently to one side.

"I wouldn't worry about being bald," I said, "but if I did want to cover a headful of skin with somebody else's hair, I would not buy wigs at a public auction. The chances are that they will not fit."

"Don't be silly, they are not for me," he explained. "They are for my white mice. They will make wonderful linings for their nests."

That is how it happens at auction sales: for no one can resist a bargain. Go to a sale determined to buy a handy table for the kitchen and, as likely as not, you will go home with the sum of a 1932 Austin 7 under the fond illusion that you can make it into a decorative bird bath for the garden. Why? Because it was going cheap.

**Up, up, up**

WHEN I first went into Parliament I decided that I must have a desk befitting my new dignity. So I went to an auction in Beckenham, intending to buy one for a song. My song, however, did not reach into the upper income brackets, so when the first desk went for 40 guineas, and the second for 60, with two lithographs of Queen Victoria at her Coronation thrown in, I was in despair.

Then up came Lot 72. It was a mahogany sideboard thrown together, from the look of it, by a couple of manual fittersaw enthusiasts under the personal direction of the architect who designed the Kremlin.

But it had, I decided on reflection, its points. If I took off the mirror at the back, on which two painted swans floated on a sea of bulrushes, I could make a desk out of it.

I started the bidding with a tentative 2s. 6d., and finally bought it in a frenzy of excitement for £20 10s. The auctioneer looked at me fondly as I gave him a cheque. "Hope to see you again," he said, "often."

It cost me more than a pound to get it home in a furniture van, and then we found that we could not get it up the stairs. But I was not defeated.

Out of it we got 450 bundles of mahogany firewood.

And if you have not already tried to light a fire with mahogany firewood I do not advise you to start now.

The trouble about auctions is that after being closeted in the sale room for an hour, one's

sense of values disappears. Beds get knocked down for 5s. and ebony three-piece bedroom suites, inlaid with brass, go for the price of two packets of cigarettes.

At this stage everyone with red acquisitive blood in the veins goes quietly berserk. Suddenly everyone is determined to go home with a bargain—and some people do.

**Bargains**

THE quiet men who stand at the back of the room, and bid from marked catalogues with a flicker of a finger or the lift of an eyelash, get bargains and sell them at twice the price in junk shops.

So do grey-haired gentlemen with protruding teeth who resell at six times the price in antique shops.

The rest of us don't. Like someone I know who wanted to buy a bedroom chair. She wanted one with a curved back, a red plush seat and cabriole legs—and suddenly she saw just the thing.

Only it had a straight back, a horsehair seat, splay legs, and there were six of it.

Still, she decided, if she recovered the seats, replaced the legs, put an odd job man to work on the back and gave five to her sister for Christmas, all would be well.

When she had bid for it successfully she had qualms. She wanted, she decided, to stay friends with her sister. So before the sale ended, and the time for settlement came, she made for the door.

"Madame," said the clerk, "has forgotten her chair."



Within minutes, they will be bidding madly...

## ...you can't resist the auction urge

by  
**WILFRED FIENBURGH**  
M.P.

"Chairs?" she said brightly and innocently.

"Chairs, Madam," he said, "although I am almost sorry to see them go. This is the ninth time they have been on offer, and yours is the first bid we have had."

"Bids?" She queried, innocent again. "I didn't bid. I was just scratching my nose."

He smiled the weary smile of a man who has heard it all before. In five different languages.

"Was it necessary, Madam," he said, "in scratching your nose, to wave your handbag and your umbrella, and climb on the back of the man in front of you?"

Best of all in the countryside where I live, however, are the auction sales of country houses.

I do not bid. I go just to listen to the neighbourly comments of the local folk.

"Wouldn't give it house room," they say, looking patronisingly at the squire's treasures.

Then I laugh quietly because within minutes they will be bidding madly for a velvet-covered, moth-eaten easy chair, or a clock whose works were removed by the fourth duke in 1907.

Within days, I know, they will be boasting to visitors that my friend who proposes to rent the vicarage, Blithely, he will bargain-hunt at the sales. But I know with what his many rooms will be furnished.

Soon he will possess:—

One marble-topped commode.

Two small metal statues of the young men holding the reins of prancing horses.

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**Iron lace**

AND his living room will be completely furnished with garden chairs and tables made from what appears to be iron lace.

What is more, he will be happy. To complaints from his friends, who cannot sit in comfort when they visit, to threats from his wife, or murmurs from his children, he will have one answer.

"It was," he will say, "a bargain. I couldn't let it go at the price."

**POCKET CARTOON**  
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Now this year, children, I think we shall probably get a better response if we Three Kings of Orient aren't!

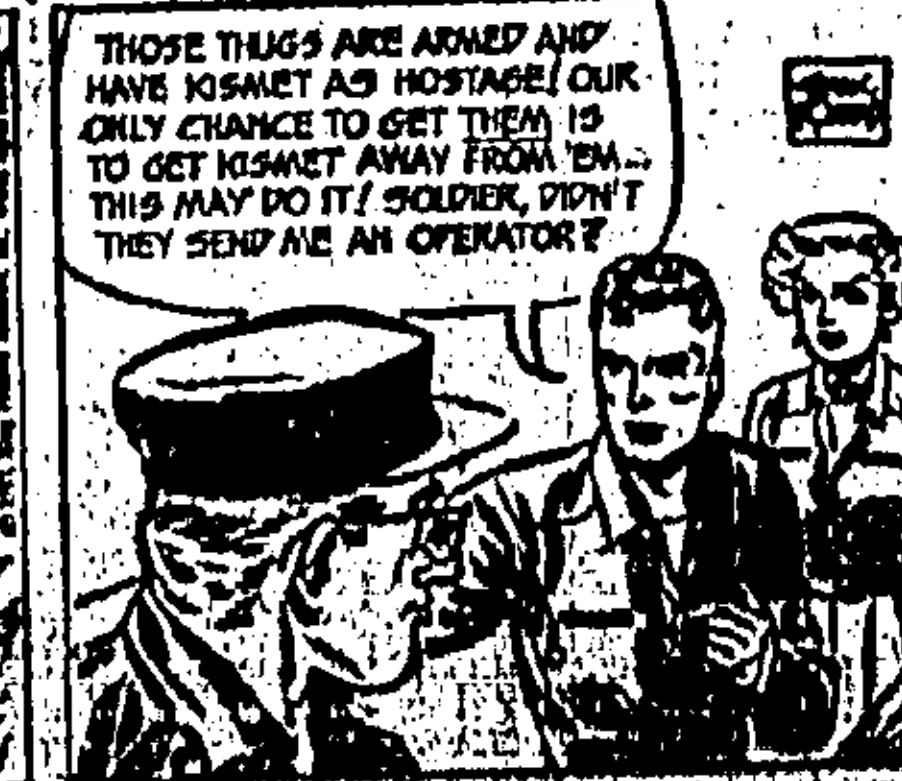
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Having had the pleasant experience of seeing the Queen open the Canadian Parliament, I went down to see her perform the same duty at Westminster. There were great crowds en route, despite the fact that the weather was in a petulant and tearful mood. First there would be a glint of sunshine, then a splash of rain, and just for a change there would be a soggy grey mist, and so it went on without stop.

Inside the House of Lords, there was the usual brilliant scene with Peers sporting their coronets, and Peersesses glinting with jewellery. A stranger seeing it for the first time might well have felt that nothing had changed in the last three hundred years. But the stranger would have been wrong. By the authority of the Prime Minister we were to hear Her Majesty announce that in due course there would be legislation which would virtually amount to a bloodless revolution.

A few weeks ago, I ventured to prophesy that Macmillan would probably reform the House of Lords by introducing life peerages, but I never imagined that it would come about so suddenly.

In the afternoon debate on the Queen's speech in the Commons, Mr Macmillan calmly told members that this was not a time for an ambitious scheme of reform in the Upper House, but no one was deceived as to the reality of what was happening.

## Reality

"DOES this mean that no more hereditary peerages will be created?" asked a Socialist front bench.

"Not at all," said the Prime Minister.

Somehow that terse reply did not carry conviction. I have a feeling that we shall see very few hereditary peerages created from now on, and they will likely be influenced in choice where there is no direct heir.

Inevitably the question arises as to whether Great Britain is moving towards the North American system of society and intends to substitute the aristocracy of wealth for the long established system of titles. Let there be no mistake about it—the British are very fond of money and comfort that come with it, but they are not yet ready to worship at the feet of Mammon. Nor is that likely to change for a long time. But, as realists, the British feel that it is no use trying to perpetuate a system of hereditary aristocracy when taxation and death duties make it impossible.

Strange as it may seem there is little doubt that the activities of the pipsqueak peers—Altrincham and Londonderry—had something to do with hastening these new reforms. If these young men had been pious and obscure "Misters" no one would have paid any attention to their blarneying. As it is they are world famous and still of news value.

## Regality

NEVERTHELESS the necessity for a change was not brought about by public irritation or any rush of democracy to the head. Basically the Englishman, the Welshman and even the Scot like the existence of great country houses set in vast estates, but successive Chancellors of the Exchequer have, by raising death duties, forced the old families to sell more and more of their land. And with the problem of domestic servants, many of the landed aristocracy can only afford to occupy one wing of their house and grub along as best they can.

But there were other disadvantages in the hereditary system. In Britain the natural instinct of a young man of good family is to fight his way into Parliament. Yet, if he is the heir to a peerage, his political future is limited. The classic example is Lord Halifax, the lively chairman of the Conservative Party. He has a brilliantly analytical mind and certainly enlivened our debates in the Commons, but to his horror he saw his father, the former Sir Douglas Haig, had been raised to the peerage. This meant a political death sentence to his son, Quintin, who, on his father's death, would no longer be eligible to

# TWILIGHT OF THE ARISTOCRACY

sit in the Commons and therefore could never hope to hold high office for the simple reason that the Commons, being the elected assembly and therefore the masters, would never consent to a Minister with no importance sitting in the Upper Chamber where he would be out of their reach.

On his father's death Quintin appeared to be relieved of this title but was turned down.

Under Macmillan's new plan, the Upper Chamber will be greatly strengthened by senior members of the House of Commons who will be created peers of Parliament, a most honourable degree and all the better because the title will be hereditary. Nor is this process to be confined to one sex. Macmillan will have the power to create peeresses, if he thinks that they have deserved the honour, and if they will bring special qualifications to the Upper House.

There is, however, one obvious difficulty which the Prime Minister will have to consider. If non-hereditary peers of Parliament give a lot of their time to the Upper Chamber they will have to be paid a reasonable remuneration. But does that mean that what are known as the backwoods peers will also be paid, even though they seldom turn up? This is a difficult problem, but obviously Macmillan intends to create Lords of Parliament, drawn from the industrial and professional classes, as well as from the Commons.

Undoubtedly the intention of the Prime Minister is, first, to create a vital Upper Chamber and gradually find the best way of making it work.

Usually when constitutional changes take place there is a particular case which makes it inevitable that the existing system has to be revised. Such a case was that of Clem Attlee the Leader of the Socialist Party. I have mentioned this example before, but now we must look at it again in the knowledge that it has undoubtedly played a part in causing these reforms to be brought about.

Clem Attlee, as a Socialist, represented the tough East London constituency of Limehouse, and although belonging to the comfortable middle class, he never halted in his light to raise the status of the under-privileged. Yet when he gave up Parliament he accepted an earldom (which was his right by long established custom) and thereby created no less than five other "courtesy" titles.

Thus his wife became a countess, his three daughters, who were married, became Lady Gertrude Smith, Lady Helen Brown and Lady Mary Green (or whatever their married names happen to be) and Attlee's son and heir became a courtesy viscount. Lord Attlee's defence would be that he had no part in creating the system of hereditary titles and that he wanted to sit in the Upper House with the title of Earl, which is automatically conferred upon a retiring Prime Minister if he will accept it.

Oddly enough Ramsay MacDonald, who was not only the first Socialist to become British Prime Minister but possessed more than his share of vanity, refused to accept any title at all when he resigned from Parliament. When I asked him why he had come to that decision, he answered in his rich Scottish voice: "For years and years my fishermen in Loughmoe (his constituency) have called me 'Jamie'. Do you think I'm going to go there touch their caps and address me as 'mildred'?"

I am well aware that many readers will feel that the whole question of titles has become an anachronism based on nothing but privilege and snobbery. If that point of view is sincerely held then we should not only abolish titles but also the monarchy which is based upon the non-democratic institution of birth. Thus the way would be cleared for the aristocracy of wealth no matter how it was accumulated.

As a result of Macmillan's proposals we may indeed be seeing the beginning of the end of creating hereditary titles except within the Royal Circle. This is a revolution in itself but a revolution that will not only be bloodless but will be supported by public opinion.

These proposed changes of Harold Macmillan will not take place in a day. There will be attempts to "water down" the plan and to delay it to the next election. But the backwoods peers will be looking hopefully to the Socialists coming to power and

thus saving the aristocracy from being overrun by ordinary fellows who have made their own way and have no forbears of any social consequences whatsoever.

## Honour

YET I believe that the Socialists will welcome the change. There is a basic dignity in the plan which will create "Lords of Parliament" and paradoxically the title will acquire an added dignity from the fact that it is non-hereditary and carries no succession. Undoubtedly, the wisest will say that the new life peers will be like the mule which has no pride of ancestry nor hope of future, but the fact remains that the honour of being a "Lord of Parliament" will add

a new dignity to the Upper Chamber.

But if, as it seems, we are seeing the twilight of the old aristocracy, let it not be imagined that its gradual disappearance will produce nothing but good.

In the 1914 war, long before conscription was enforced, the sons of the great old country houses did not wait for conscription but went at once into the hell of war. And long before the National Health Scheme and Old Age Pensions came into being the squire and his lady looked after their tenants as if they were members of the family—at any rate, up to a point. Today the great country house has almost disappeared, except where the owners charge a half crown admission at weekends when the lord of the manor conducts

parties round the house and grounds.

## Dignity

HAROLD Macmillan, by his plan of Parliamentary reform, will strengthen the dignity of the Upper Chamber by bringing it into line with reality. The Lord Chancellor will still wear his robes as he sits on the Woolsack, and we shall continue to hear the familiar words in debate, "The noble lord who has just sat down has given

your lordships a peculiarly distorted interpretation of the Bill which has come to us from another place." And once a year the Queen, as a Peeress, will open Parliament in the Upper House, because under no possible conditions would she be allowed to set foot in the House of Commons.

Thus will the British bring about the reform of the Upper Chamber while maintaining the procedure and trappings of ancient times.

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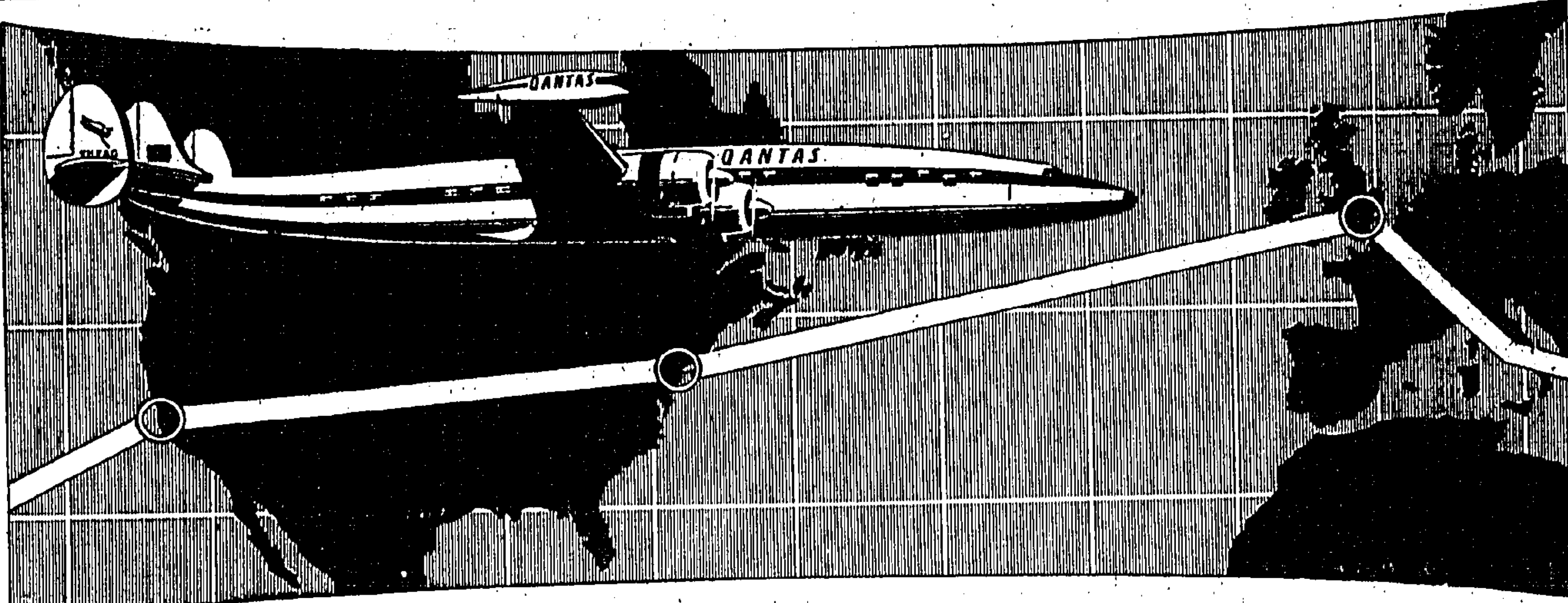
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# The Day Christ was Born

WITH the most inspiring time of year foremost in our thoughts, the China Mail begins today the dramatic hour-by-hour account of that single day in Bethlehem when the birth of Jesus changed the history of the world.



A NOTE ON HOW THIS  
UNUSUAL REPORT CAME  
TO BE WRITTEN

THE NARRATIVE here has been sent from Jerusalem where the author completed on-the-spot researches after consulting eminent Biblical authorities. His aim: to retell the most inspiring story of all in terms of the modern newspaper.

central porch of the temple he the Garamantes and the Indians. He is an old man, hated, fearing death. He is a tyrant in his own land and a cringing vassal of Rome. It is 30 years since the Romans made him puppet. He has bled the people to erect great monuments, he has high Roman and above all raised his vast temple.

It lay within a high wall, had inner and outer courtyards, cloisters, high Corinthian columns, roofs of carved cedar-wood. It had a great altar for sacrificing animals, eight marble tables for beating the blood out of the carcasses, quarters where the priests lived, countless chambers where Jesus was dismissed, business done, infants circumcised, the Holy Books taught.

## Morning

ITS inner area was Holy: a notice in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek said: "No one who is not a Jew is permitted beyond this boundary. Anyone who does, does so at his own risk, and is liable to the death penalty."

## Waiting

THE Jews were still here in Palestine, living among these rounded hills, remembering their history, keeping hold of their religion, and waiting for a messiah to deliver them from their bondage.

Herod, this morning looks a little way out of the village, to a sheltered slope. It is cold. Joseph wraps his coarse cloth cloak around his wife. The child inside her kicks.

Monday:  
The mystery  
that is  
the key  
to everything

GARAMANTES—North African tribe.

## JERUSALEM.

THE LAND was softer then; but not the people. The land where limestone now shows through like bones wasn't always a skeleton. Then, olive groves and terraced vineyards and fig plantations held the soil on the slopes; valleys grew wheat and barley, leeks, lentils, beans; steeper hills and where the bedrock broke through grazed sheep and goats.

There were forests of oak and cedar and cypress trees. The land was hilly and soft; green and red. There were the pale and dusty grey-greens of olive trees, dry in summer, shiny in the windy winter rain; and the thick dark green of slender cypresses; and the yellower green of vines. The soil was red.

And now, as then, only in the three winter months the air chills when it comes barging in from the east and now with a sudden storm or when in the hills snow falls and it freezes. For the rest it is hot; keeping cool is more of a problem than keeping warm. This is a hot land; in the middle of things.

This land was first called Canaan. "And Abraham took Sarah, his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came."

## The census

ONE early morning in a winter month, 1,900 years after Abraham first brought his tribe and its tents and goats to these hills a woman slowly woke;

she felt the child inside her move.

It was barely light but the first morning clatter had begun. Cocks were crowing; people were moving overhead and in the narrow alleys outside. The woman lay awake resting; his wife. She had married her now it would be born.

Her husband, lying beside her on the straw mattress, stirred and smiled at his wife. He was glad they had managed to find shelter, although it was rough.

They had travelled over a hundred miles during the past days, and they had had to go slowly because of her condition. They were poor and had not been able to afford to hire donkeys so they had had to walk.

He thought back over the journey. It had been a nuisance having to come here to Bethlehem all the way from Nazareth, but there had been no choice. A census was being held and everybody had been told to report at their home town and he had not wished to leave his wife behind.

He was thankful at least that they had managed to reach Bethlehem before the child was born.

The journey had been hard. The first day they had walked along the twisting track that led from Nazareth

down into the plain of Esdraelon.

The track was rough and though they had tied rags round their sandals their feet had been cut on the sharp pieces of limestone that littered the track.

The first night they had slept in the open, under an ancient olive tree. Behind them now lay the hills of Galilee, where Nazareth lay.

## In the open

A CROSS the flat rich plain you could see the hills of Judea and to the east the higher hills beyond the Jordan.

All around were these hills, hills beyond hills, in the evening and the early morning dark at the edges, paling below for the valleys were filled with mist.

It took them a couple of days to cross the plain, and then they had begun climbing again, for the track to Jerusalem and Nazareth beyond followed the ridges of the hills, twisting with the contours.

It was an ancient track. Perhaps men had followed it even before Abraham, and Joseph was an Israelite, for whom religion and history were the same thing.

He knew, from the teachings from the Holy Books, how his distant ancestors had first come

## The stable

A QUARTER of a million people were packed into its 300 acres. They had seen Herod's marvellous new temple; but they hadn't waited, but had pressed on down to Bethlehem, this more familiar village lying on the hill's side.

Suddenly, lying there, Mary winced. The first pain bloomed inside her.

"Are you all right? It won't be yet," Joseph said. "Soon, perhaps today. Can you get up? They're coming in for some of the animals."

They got up, smoothed down their tunics and brushed off the straw.

They climbed up out of the stable, where they had been sleeping, which was a hollow in the rock, roofed over with wood and clay, into the room of the inn.

The light was getting stronger, was reaching the tops of the hills, would soon reach Bethlehem, had already reached Jerusalem.

In his palace Herod saw the sun first hit a golden grapevine carved outside the great

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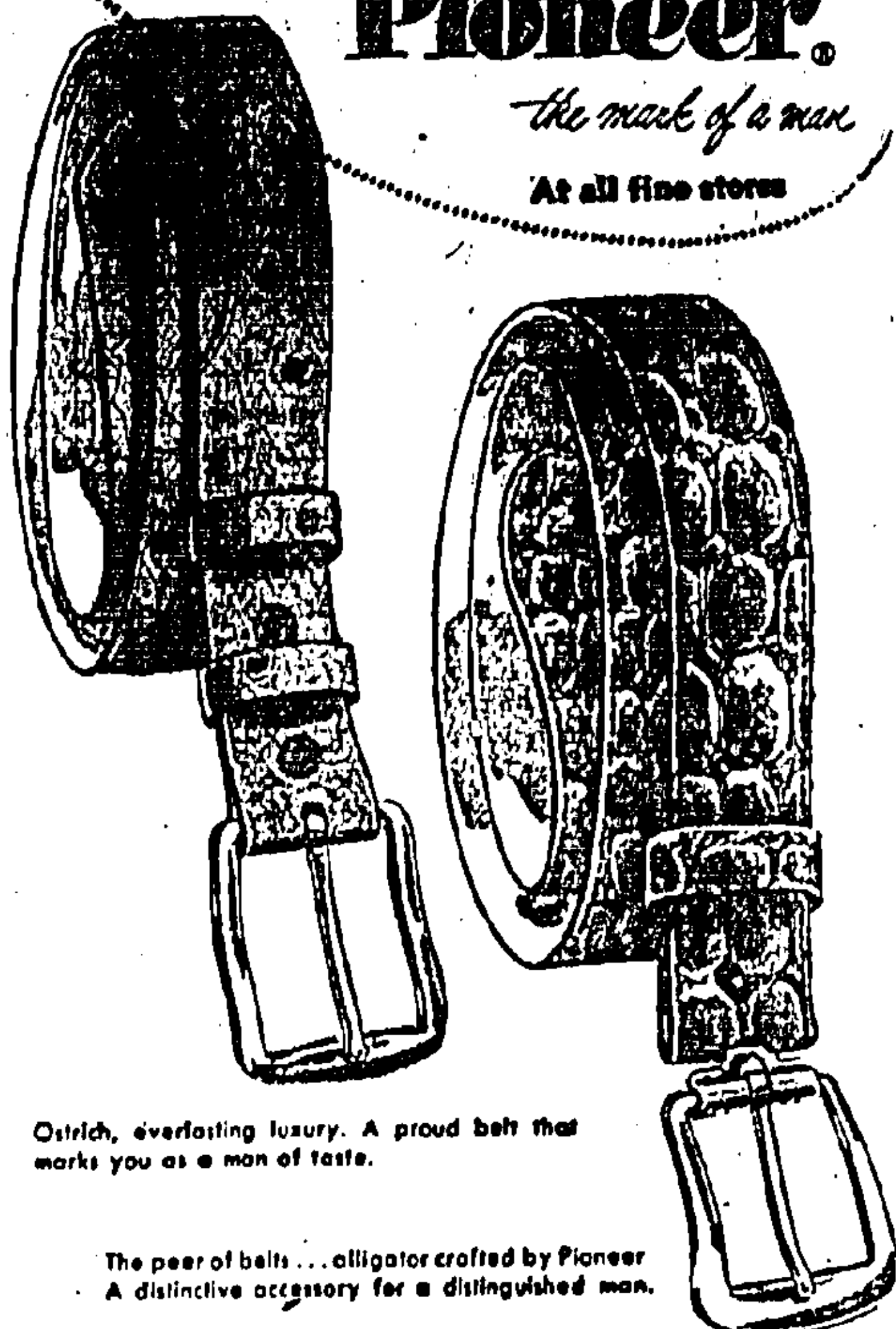
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## WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR GUESTS HAPPY...

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by EILEEN ASCROFT

GIVING a party this Christmas? We have been canvassing bright ideas on new things to eat and drink that make parties a little different—and do not cost the earth.

A help-yourself running buffet is the idea of newly married actress Susan Beaumont. "Lots of sausages, baked potatoes and vol au vents" are what she plans for her housewarming party. She thinks guests welcome something hot on a cold night and, with the new inexpensive dish warmers, this is easily done.

Not too many guests, "so that no one gets lost in the crowd," background music ("not too loud") and a small corner where guests can dance if they wish, are her other plans.

### Favourite formula

SPAGHETTI parties, with lots of wine, or frankfurters and potato salad suppers, with wine, are the favourite entertaining formula for ballerina Belinda Wright and her husband, choreographer Wolfgang Brunner.

They live in an old warehouse in Hampstead, which they have converted themselves into a large studio. "Ideal Bohemian parties," says Belinda. "Because there is plenty of room. We never expect guests to dress up." Belinda's party attire is usually a tweed skirt and a man-sized chunky sweater.

### Latest fashion

"COME AS YOU ARE" parties are the latest fashion in America, says American writer Art Buchwald. "You come just as you were dressed when you received the invitation, whether in jeans, bathwrap or full evening dress."

The Buchwald family plan their party two weeks before Christmas (before all the guests are worn out).

Consomme is served in cups straight after the dry martini, then guests move into the dining-room for a stand-up hot turkey dish, followed by pumpkin pie.

"Red wine is the friendliest drink," says Art. "We serve it through the meal and afterwards, and provide a champagne nightcap."

### Whisky and oysters

HERE IS an interesting piece of food and drink news. The old wives' tale that whisky and oysters don't mix has no truth in it at all.

Who is my authority? Mr. William Reid, chairman of a large Scotch whisky firm. "In Scotland," he told me, "we consider them perfect companions." Then, knocked off a dozen oysters and downed two large whiskies to prove his point.

How is YOUR rating as the perfect party guest? Answer these five questions and check your score below.

1.—Do you ration your time between the attractive men and women you want to talk to and the duller ones who get left out on their own?

2.—Do you praise your hostess's efforts and remember to thank her afterwards with note or flowers?

3.—If you smoke, can you cross your heart and swear you always seek out an ashtray?

4.—Can you say you have never turned up with an uninvited guest, without asking permission?

5.—Can you say you have never been guilty of being the last to leave?

Five Yeses.—You will be booked up all over the party season.

Four Yeses.—Popular at any gathering.



Three Yeses.—Good. You will still be asked again.

Two Yeses.—Fair. If you are lucky there will be a next time, too.

One Yes.—The invitation will probably never be repeated.

### Nothing sacred

NOW I have seen everything. Having my fair locks bleached one morning, I sat next to a young man having his blond hair darkened.

Was he disconcerted in the midst of this feminine world? Not a bit. He was worried about his parting showing.

I am not against the idea. I like mixed company, even in a feminine sanctum, like a hair-dresser's. And I am assured by the hairdressing trade that tinting men's hair is on the increase.

particularly among middle-aged men who want to look young for their jobs.

But fair's fair. If men are going to invade our secret boudoirs, why are they being so

### The balloons go up

YARDS and yards of nylon ribbon embroidered on Chantilly lace is used for these two gay party frocks. For the shorter girl there is the full-skirted model in sky blue, with scalloped hem and neckline and stiffened satin underskirt. Also in black or white.

The tall girl will look elegant and slinky in a sheath of white lace, embroidered with white ribbon, the skirt lined with satin and the bodice finished with a rhinestone brooch. Also in black.

cantankerous about allowing US into the House of Lords? (London Express Service)

## Make It The Children's Day

By MARGARET HALL

MOST grown-ups take the view that really to enjoy Christmas you need one or two children in the party. At least that's the theory of people who enjoy doing childish things once a year, but feel a bit sheepish about it unless they have youngsters around as an excuse.

In practice, of course, they may feel a little different about it when Christmas dinner has been cleared away and all attempts to settle down to sleep off are thwarted by the constant demands for attention from over-excited youngsters.

A child's Christmas doesn't start on Christmas Eve. It begins way back in November when Santa Claus sets up his stand in the stores and shop windows that usually contain women's hats or trousseaus are given over to a tempting array of toys.

And then, there are the Christmas plays and parties at school which help to work little Johnnie into such a fever of anticipation that his parents' main concern is that the Great Day, when it comes, won't come up to expectations. In their efforts to ensure that it does, fathers will spend too much money and mothers will put in a lot of overtime.

And it will all be over so quickly that at the end of the day they may look at each other and wonder whether it was really worth it.

Adults with guilts of that nature have only to think back to their own childhood; to those early years when Christmas acquired a magic it has never

lost, so that even now when they wake up on Christmas morning they know immediately that this is a special day, and that there is only one day like it in the whole year.

That's why it is always worth taking a special Christmas when there are youngsters about. It may be over in a flash, but they'll never forget it.

Hard work and costly though it may be, planning and preparing for Christmas requires little originality or ingenuity—provided of course food and gifts are plentiful, and not too highly priced.

Incidentally, while older children may be eager to help decorate the tree, I believe the younger ones get the biggest kick out of it if they see it in all its festive glory on Christmas morning.

In other words the decorating is father's, Christmas Eve job, while mother busies herself with preparations for the biggest meal of the year. Most families have their own ideas about the best way to distribute the presents. Personally I favour the Christmas stocking or the pillow slip by the tree.

Even youngsters who have lost their illusions about Santa

Claus are not averse to waking up on Christmas morning to find their presents piled into the container of their choice.

This can be supplemented by a distribution of small presents for everyone from the tree; a ceremony which can be performed by the youngest members of the party at some stage later in the day.

Some families prefer a general share-out at breakfast, and I know of one household in which the gifts are all put in a big hamper and distributed with due ceremony after breakfast.

Wise parents make sure that the children's presents include games they can play on their own, or one of those miniature village shops, washing or cooking sets, for a game. Children may tire of this sort of thing much too quickly, but it will at least keep them occupied for a time on Christmas Day, and give the grown-ups a respite from having to dodge toy motors or ferocious-looking weapons that are continually diving between their feet.

The Christmas dinner table decorations demand a bit of artistic effort, of course, although I doubt whether this sort of thing impresses the youngsters much. They are much too interested in the food.

Therefore, the arrangement of holly and red candles, or whatever the centrepiece may include, can be assembled to please the grown-ups. If candles are included they are, of course, best lit at night, when they will show up better, and will not constitute a danger to small grasping hands.

Christmas dinner is a ceremony in itself, therefore, provided tea is to be a sit-up-to-the-table affair, crackers are best produced then.

I don't think many families find much difficulty in filling in the time between meals on Christmas Day. Probably the afternoon is the most difficult period, when the adults have to sleep, and the youngsters are determined not to let them. Needless to say if the weather is reasonable, a spot of fresh air between dinner and tea will do everyone a lot of good, and leave mother free to get tea.

To my mind one of the best

things to do on the day is card singing round the piano. But I have a nasty suspicion that fewer and fewer homes boast a piano these days.

And I think it is likely that in many homes the TV set will be the biggest Christmas evening attraction—particularly with the kiddies. In fact if anyone wants to play party games it will probably be the grown-ups, still clinging to memories of the good old-fashioned Christmases they had when they were very young.

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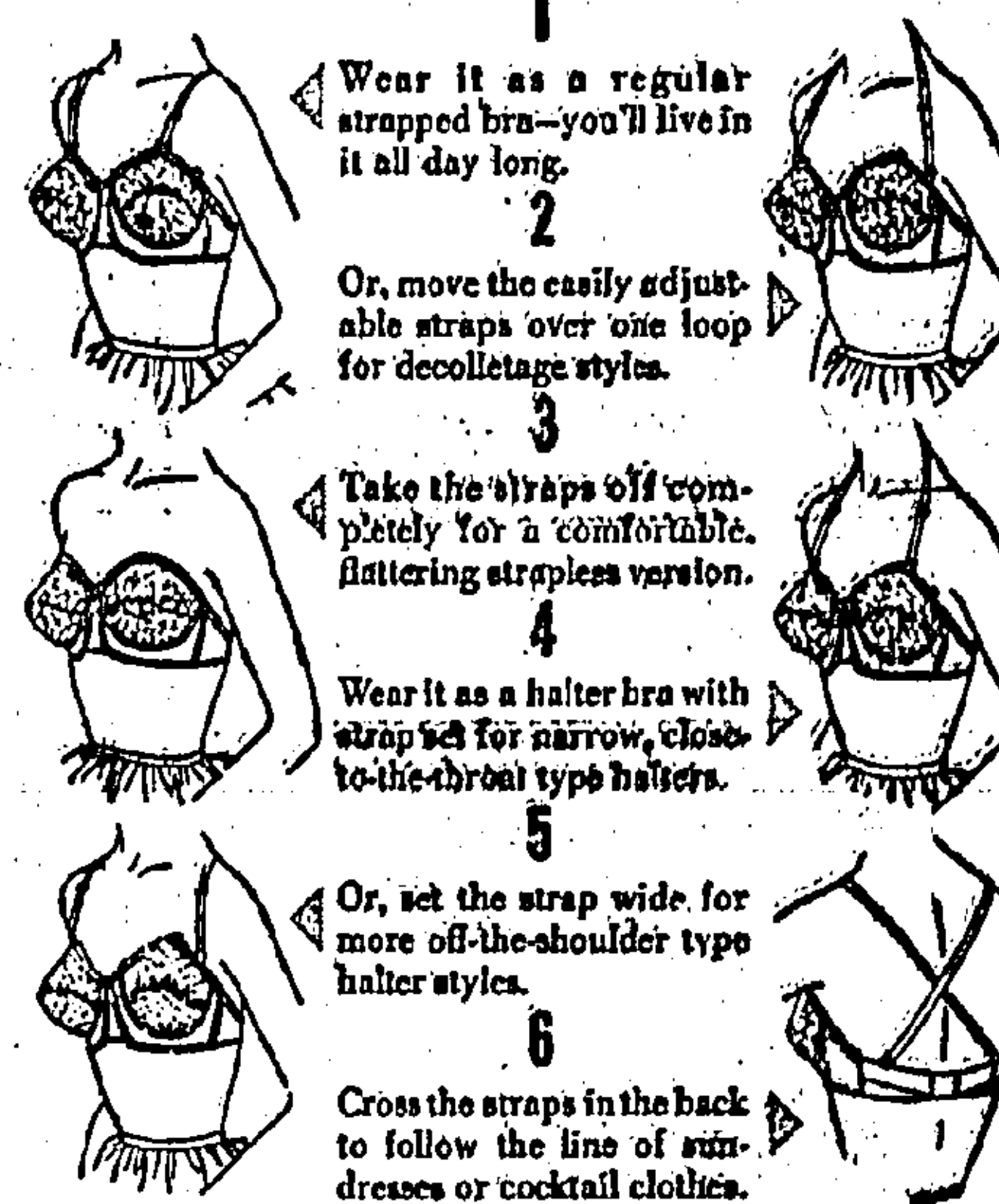
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LEFT: Dr Thomas Wang and Loretta (Man-lu) Ip, in more traditional attire.

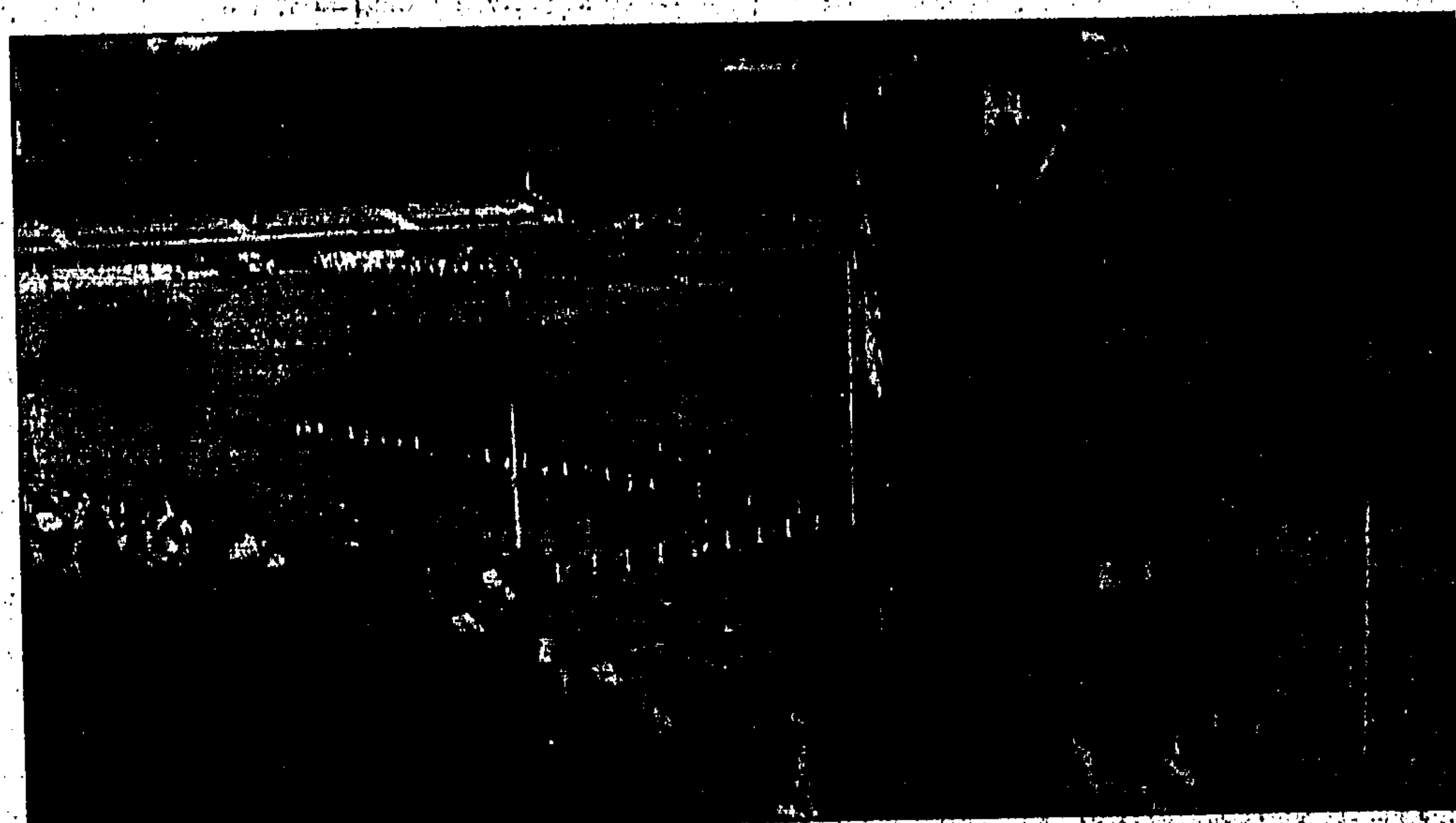
BELOW: A flight of Christmas fairies . . . at the YWCA.



Old Scrooge, and a Christmas legend. Not so many people admit in public to loving Dickens as they used to do. Perhaps it was overdone in his life-time when Cabinet Ministers were mourning to sympathise with the inky death of Little Dorrit. But, all the same—not so many people let Christmas go by without a little (without a nice little) bit of England's most passionate story-teller . . . above and left Christmas carol at the Missions to Seamen, St. George's Hall.



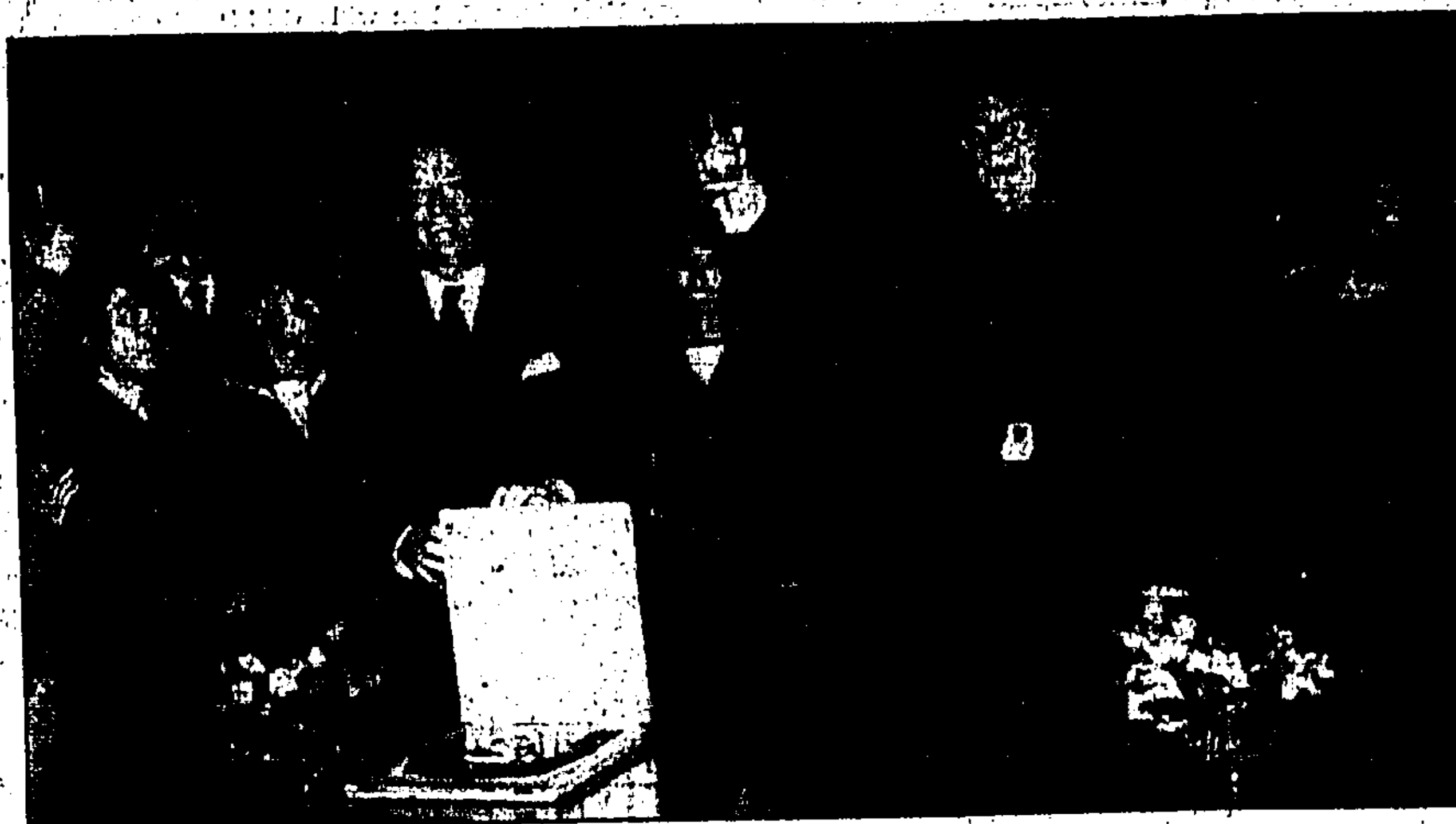
Henry Chang, Past President of the "millionaires club" Rotary Island East in the process of raising another \$47,000 for the Victoria Park School for the Deaf.



FAREWELL . . . the annual Police Review, more spectacular than ever, became something like a personal farewell from—no statistics to prove it, but let's be frank—the most efficient police force in the Empire, to the Colony's longest lasting Governor.



Susan England (5), with mother, guests, and cake.



ABOVE: Here's to you. Brigadier L. T. Ride and men of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force join in a toast to speed the parting Governor.  
LEFT: Half a day away from anywhere, from a flat and empty piece of brushwood land, rose up a church, a school, and a village . . . Children's Village, to which Sir Alexander paid another parting call.  
BELOW: And across the water to "the Isle of Happy Healing" Sir Alexander makes another call that neither he nor they, Hongkong's lepers, are likely to forget.

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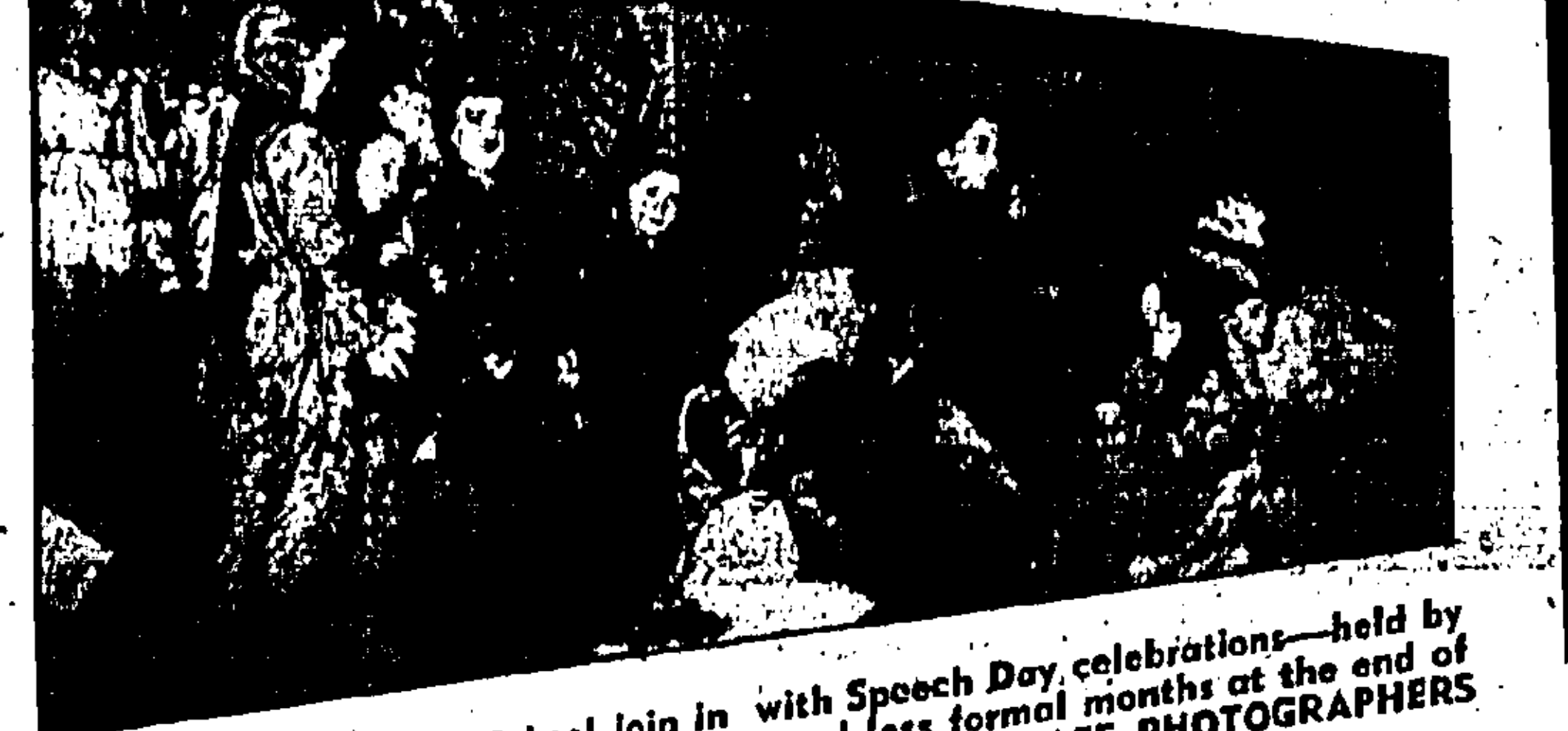




**MERRY CHRISTMAS** ... and the same to you. The American Women's Association (above) made sure of it for a large party of children at Southern Playground; and (right) members of the Hong Kong Garrison Youth Club seem to be doing pretty well for themselves at a Christmas Party at Whitfield Barracks South School.

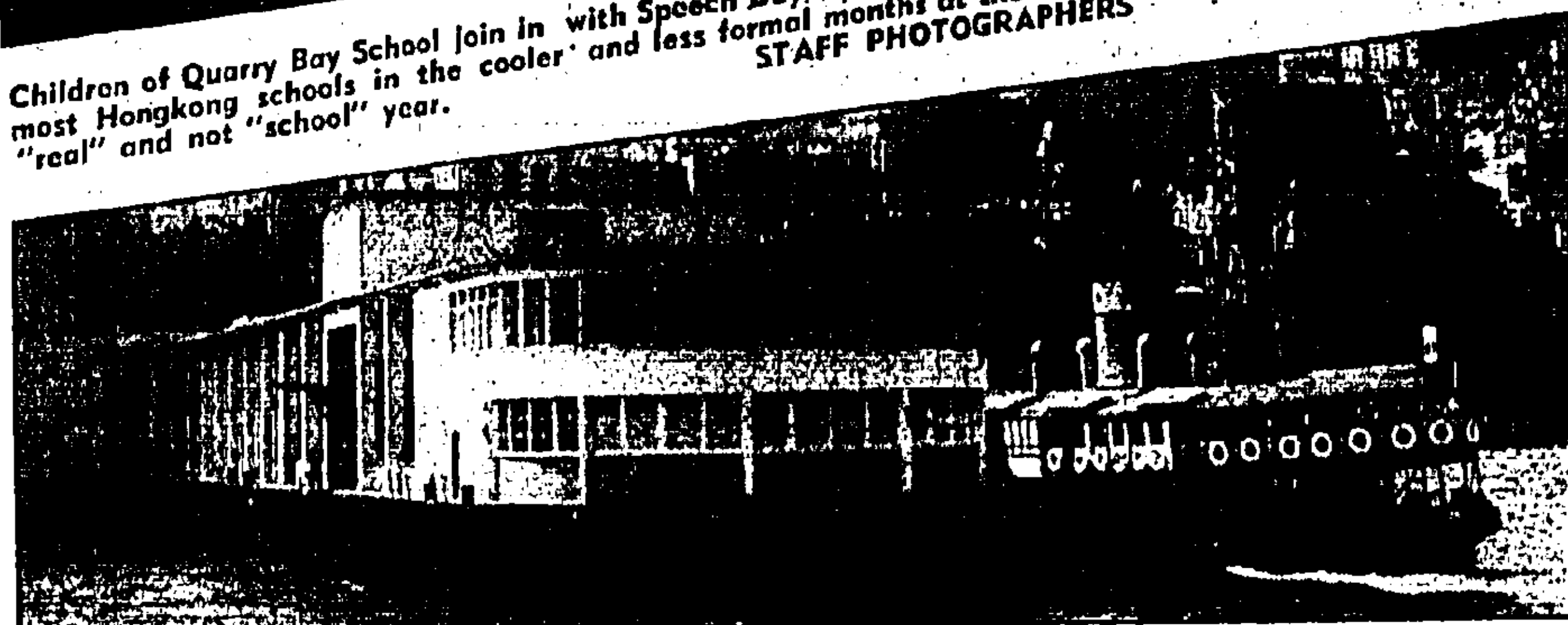


"Seven little dwarfs from school are well!"



Children of Quarry Bay School join in with Speech Day celebrations—held by most Hongkong schools in the cooler and less formal months at the end of "real" and not "school" year.

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One arm of the new Star Ferry Pier, (Hongkong side) and the car park opened almost together.



Kaleidoscope of parties ... Samples: Lady Grantham with "The Endeavourers" at Wab Yan College; a streamer dance at Southern Playground; and two girls at a party with so much going on they don't know which way to look.

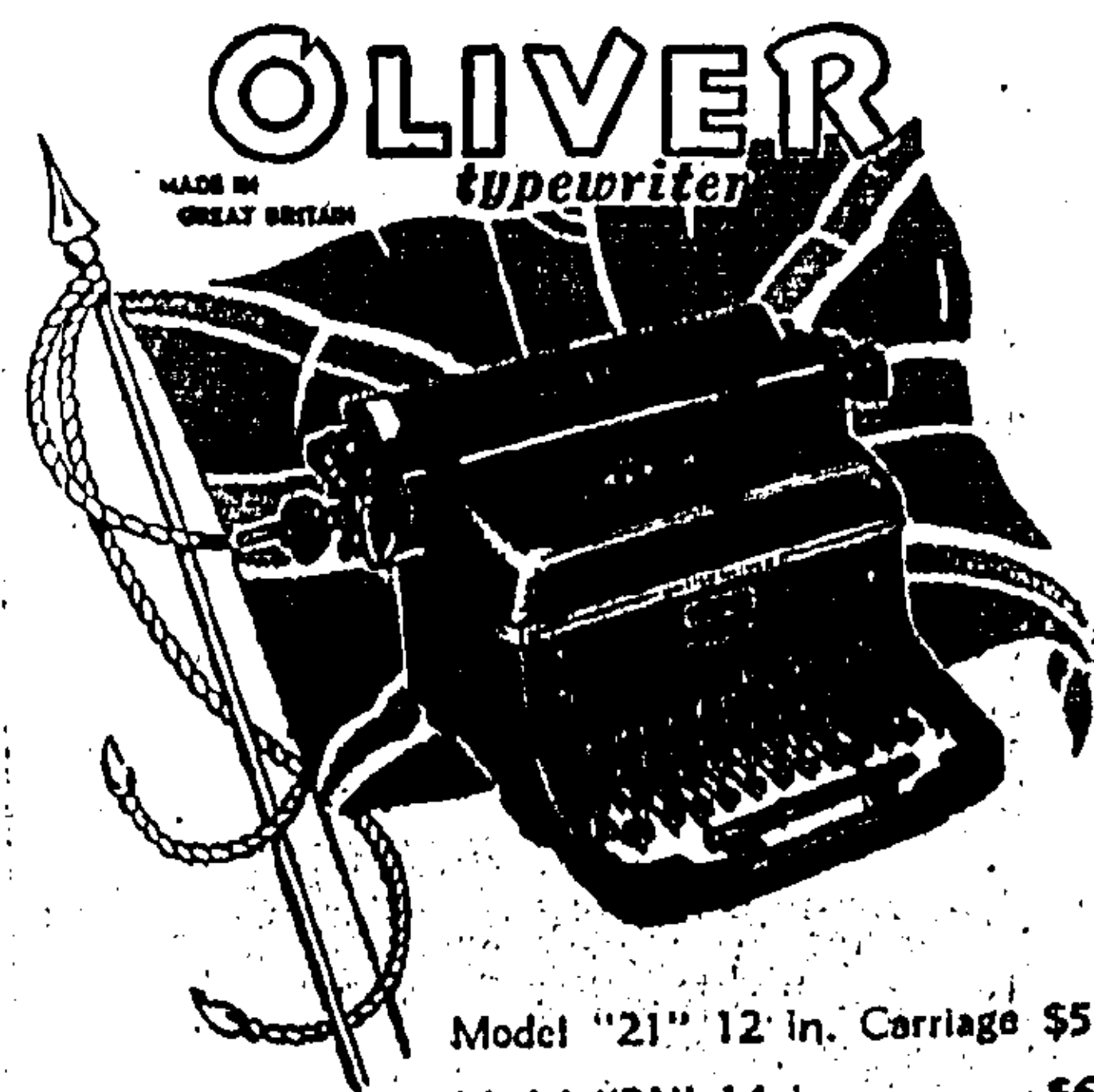
Or RIGHT the fun of a fair where (from left) someone must win, and in this case someone did win (Scooter—Mrs K. Y. Chung; Scooter—Mrs N. Hurlbutt; Car—Mr Jo Fook-lam) from the Mission to Lepers' (committee—back row) Mrs A. L. S. Read, Mrs D. C. Prophet, Mrs L. H. Warne, (chairman) Mrs A. Sommerfelt.



In the glowing afternoon light at Christ Church ... Officer Cadet Ip Che, and Yvonne Wong.

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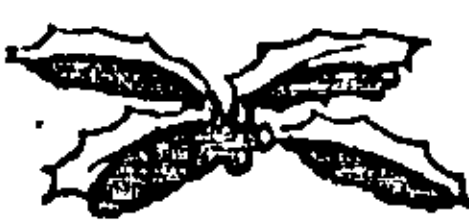


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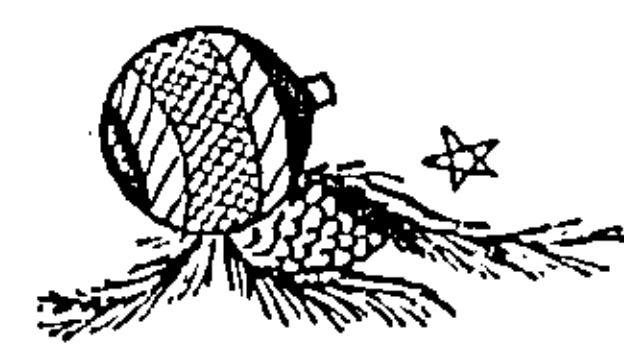
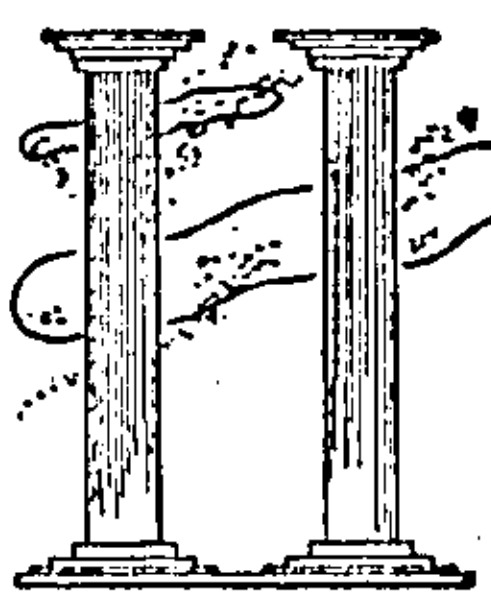
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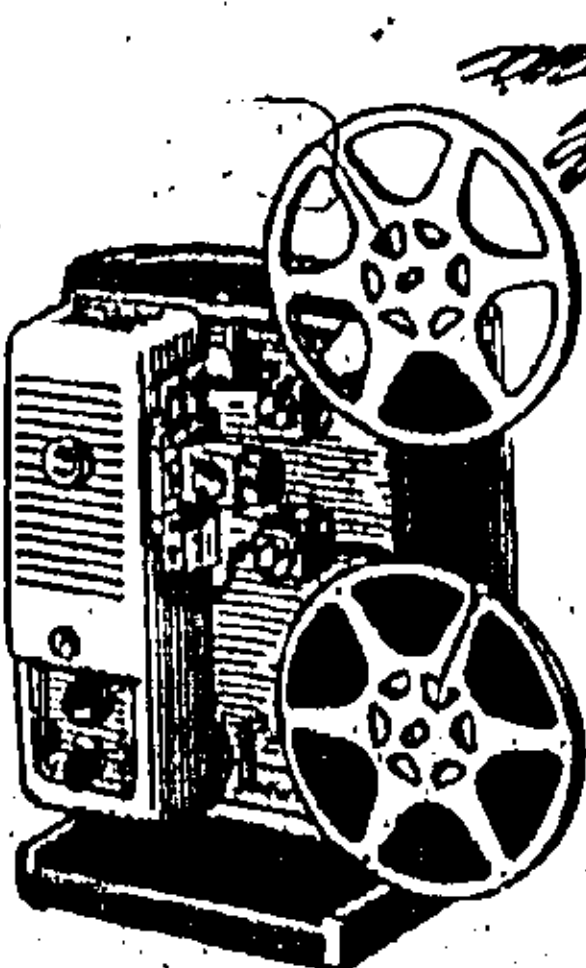
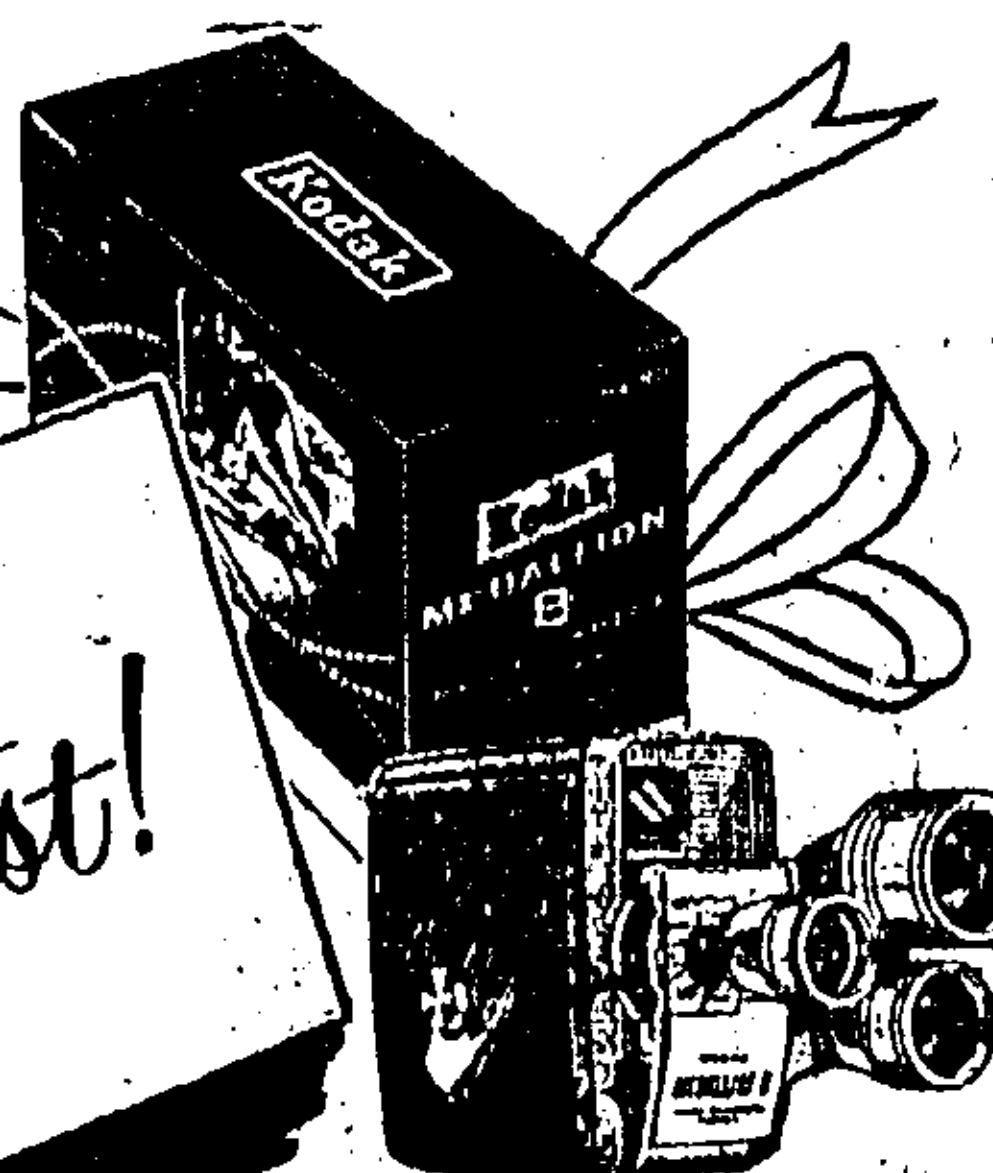


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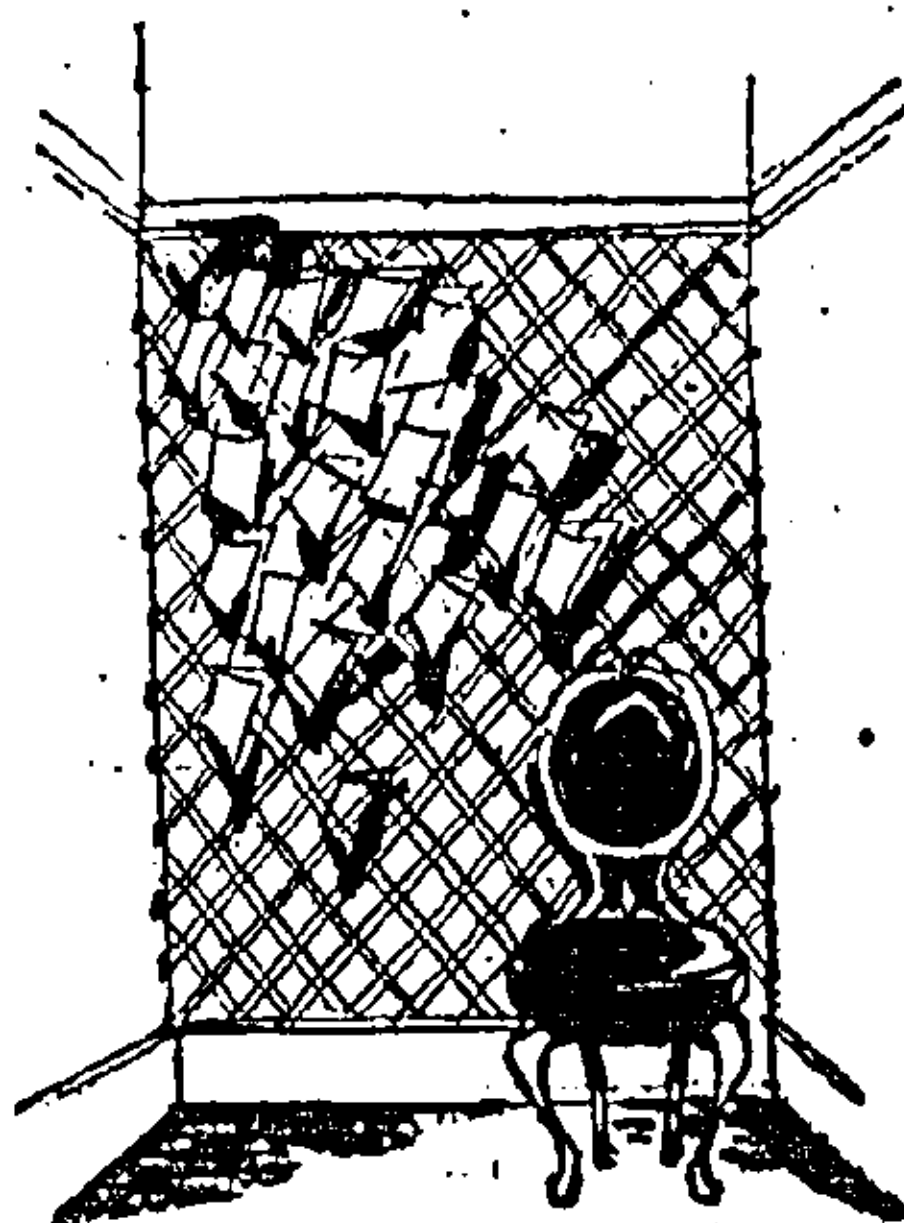
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OH, DEAR, oh, dear—or alternatively three rousing cheers. A few days more and the festive season will be well and truly upon us. So let's deal with just one aspect of Christmas — the decorations.

Now you may be one of those hoary old traditionalists who believe that there's nothing prettier than a sprig of holly over every picture and a nice big bunch of mistletoe in a dark corner. (Ah-h-h go on—it's only once a year—don't be so STUFFY.)

Fine. All that remains is to clear every flat surface to hold the Christmas cards—rows of them teetering one against the other—and your troubles are over.

Apart from the fact that every time someone opens the door those confounded cards go down like ninepins in the draught.

You may feel, however, that the expert's view on home decorations is worth considering.

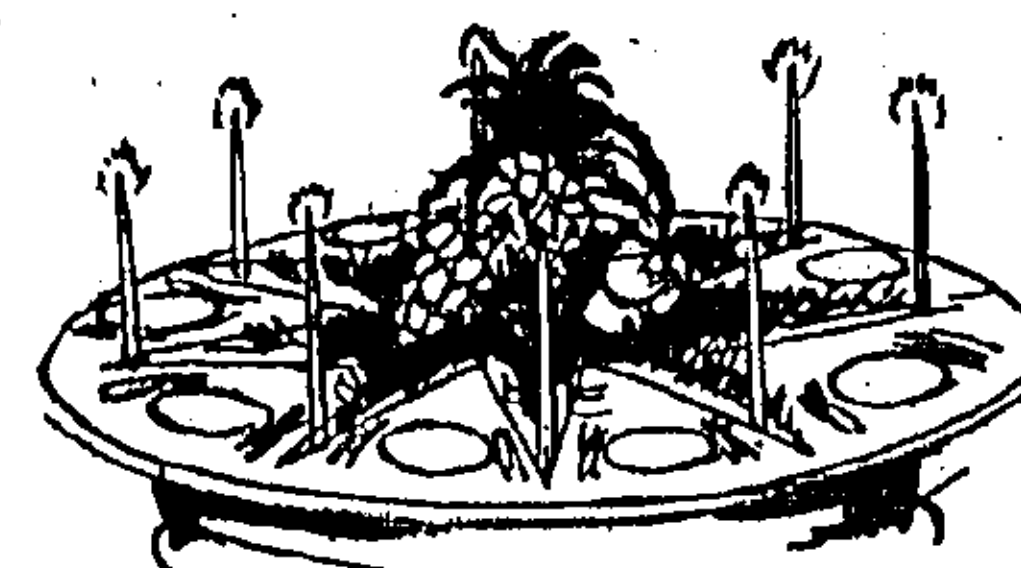
### Bright boys

I've been talking to some of the brightest boys in the business and on this they are all agreed—one really spectacular "piece" is worth a heap of scattered trimmings.

"A garland of evergreens and ribbons on the front door—a centre display for the table—and an old fashioned Christmas tree (preserve me from those synthetic affairs in silver foil or Terylene)," said FELIX HARBORD—"that, I think, is enough decorations."

I'd suggest a scarlet tablecloth—home-made in cheap rayon muslin—and big, so that it hangs well down all round. Evergreens for the centre—holly and ivy, lightly silvered—and plain wax candles.

"Crackers? Red ones—I love them—especially the cheaper kind with tinsel trimmings and scraps. As for the cards—criss-crossed tapes from floor to ceiling on one wall—like an old-fashioned letter-rack. That's the answer."



A silver star with candles

"Where most people go wrong," said ROY GENTRY—the man who plans Liberty's lovely windows—"is in having too much colour and not enough glitter. I hate all paper decorations—gaudy without being gay."

"Greenery plus sparkle—that's the effect to strive for. All-

"Our dining table? A white cloth... white lilies, stripped of its greenery massed in the centre... lots of table silver, tall white candles and stacks of silver and white frosted crackers."

Can't you just see it? I quizzed him on Christmas cards.

By **Veronica Papworth**

sizes — of — coloured — witch — balls — and — lashing — of — glitter — powder is my recipe.

"I'm having one set piece for the dining table and it will stay put for the holiday."

"I've a circle of scarlet felt that just fits the table. On top of this—a star cut from hard-board (but stiff cardboard would do) and covered with silver paper."

"I'm wiring sprays of spruce to the star—spreading outwards — and at each point, a candle set in a small holder."

"In the centre—the Christmas fruit piled high."

"Christmas is not a time for being clever," said JOHN SIDDELEY firmly. "We have a very large looking glass and we concentrate our decorations around it—great branches of evergreen held in place with tacky tape and tied with a large red bow."

"I know I'm a fool, but I always have tears in my eyes... simply love it."

"No bigger fool than I am," I assured him.

A couple of hats of Silent Night on my little son's violin and I'm awash—from sheer happiness."

(London Express Service)

## IT'S ALMOST HERE!

By **Joan O'Sullivan**

DON'T worry! Relax! Be calm!

It's true Christmas is almost here. But you've still a few days left for last-minute jobs, such as decking the house for the festive holiday. There's still time, in fact, to whip up your own trimmings quickly and easily.

**Quick and Easy**  
Here are some suggestions for quick and easy ones:

How about a Christmas cookie tree? Make the tree outline with wire or wood. For decorations, use big packaged cookies.

First, cover the cookies with a frosting made with the white of an egg, a half pound of sugar and a teaspoon of lemon juice. While the icing sets, draw a design with a toothpick. Fill it in with cinnamon candies or little silver ball candies. You can also paint on designs with vegetable colourings.

Using a large-eyed darning needle, threaded with Christmas twine, work the needle through the cookies about 1/3 inch from the top. The twine

will enable you to tie them on your tree.

You can also make tree ornaments on your sewing machine with sparkling aluminium foil. Sewing centres are offering how-to instructions for these designs right now.

First, cut a star pattern (or bell or tree) from a piece of cardboard. Use the pattern to cut six stars of the foil gilt wrap.

With shiny sides out, sew two stars together, stitching close to edges around the outline of the star.

Begin and end on her tip of a point, and pull the thread out to six inches before clipping.

**Three Stars**  
This gives you three stars, each with sparkling foil on both sides, a professional trim of stitching and something to hang with.

Next, lay the three stars together so the points with the loose thread ends match. Straight stitch down the centre, leaving thread ends at the end of your line of stitching. Knot thread ends together. Spread included in the kit.

the foil sections and—presto!—you have a dimensional ornament. Hang by the knotted threads.

You can make these foil ornaments all one colour or combine several colours for even more brilliant effect.

At department stores, you'll find all the makings for another kind of Christmas tree ornament. Buy big white plastic snowball and a kit of sparkling sequins and other glittering items to deck the snowballs with.

Little half-inch pins are used to attach the sequins to the snowballs and make it possible for you to create your own designs. You can make tree outlines, star designs or spell out names or initials.

**Make a Stocking**  
A Christmas stocking kit is another do-it-yourself item at department store counters.

Stitch the felt stocking together yourself. Then stitch on Christmas motif appliques. Each applique has a pattern that you can fill in with glittering sequins and beads — also included in the kit.



KIDS WILL LOVE a Christmas cookie tree made with packaged cookies. Ice and decorate them with motifs of the holiday season.



TREES, STARS, BELLS and other designs cut from foil make fine decorations. Before you, they told that to store away for next year.



A KIT FULL OF SEQUINS and glittering decorations can be used decoratively on plastic snowballs to make some original ornaments.



# THE PONY EXPRESS

**H**is was 14, a good age for a boy, but far too young for the responsibilities of a man. At least, that is what the officials of the Pony Express at Sacramento had told him, and what "Snake" Hicks, storekeeper, postman, trader and deputy sheriff, was telling him now in the log store that he had reached down the Rocky Mountain trail a couple of hours ago.

The boy was as tall as the storekeeper. His long hair, plaited like an Indian's, fell over the collar of his leather hunting shirt. He carried a gun, and a hunting knife, and he wore deerkin leggings and bead-trimmed moccasins. His face was tanned, and his unwavering eyes held those of the impatient storekeeper. "Even if you was a man," Hicks said, "I still wouldn't loan ye a horse. I don't trust Indians—or half-breeds."

"Two told you already who I am," the boy said patiently. "My name is William Frederick Cody, and you say you care more that you don't believe me I'm unable to get killed."

Hicks grinned at that. "Well, William Frederick Cody," he said, "maybe you'll find a handier name one day, but it still don't persuade me to lend ye a horse. How do I know I'd get it back?"

"Because I've said so."

"And where are ye heading?"

"Denver."

"That's the best part o' 50 miles. Know anyone there?"

"John Smith of Cherry Creek."

"First man in Denver," Hicks said chattily. "Settled there three years back in the



autumn of '57 with his Sioux wife, Wapoola. Good cook, Wapoola."

"That's why I want a horse," the boy said. "It's Christmas Day tomorrow, and I don't want to miss her dinner."

Hicks put his hands on the counter and stared at the boy.

"You kidding?" he asked.

"There's all next year for trapping," said the boy, "but I don't want to wait till the end of it for Wapoola's Christmas dinner. Elseways, I'd walk."

"Blest if I wouldn't let ye have a horse for your cheek—if I had one," said Hicks, "but I ain't, so that's that."

"I've seen two in your stable, the boy said coldly."

"They belong to the Pony Express. Know what that means, young Cody?"

"The Pony Express? Gee! Bill's eyes glittered. "I tried for a job with them, but they said at Sacramento they'd let me know later. I guess they always say that when there's nothing doing."

**Pony Express**

"I guess so," Hicks agreed.

"You may have the spirit, but it takes a man to cover 75 miles before passing his pouch to the next guy on the trail—even if you do have a relay of three horses. From the Pacific to St. Joseph—that's nigh on 2,000 miles in 8 days. Pretty smart going. That minds me—what's happened to Smokey Joe? He's an hour late already."

"That ain't like the Pony Express," Hicks said from the door of his shack up the snow-covered trail. "Tell ye what, Bill, he said, 'I can't cook like Wapoola, but you'd better come to share my meal tomorrow.'"

"Thanks, Mr. Hicks, but I'll be on my way. I can't expect you to let me have an Express horse, but you could have told me sooner." Bill said reproachfully. "There's more snow coming, and I don't want to get caught in the hills. If

Smokey Joe is running a spare horse, maybe he'll give me a lift when he overtakes me."

"Hold on," Hicks said suddenly. "There's a horse n-comin' down now, but I can't see no rider."

"There's a man slumped across it," Bill, his keen eyesight revealing details not yet visible to the storekeeper.

"What happened, Smokey?" Hicks asked as the man groined and opened his eyes.

"The mail!" Smokey Joe muttered, trying to rise.

"That's safe. Take it easy, Smokey," Hicks said. "Where's your other horse?"

**To Denver**

A landslide had swept Smokey's second horse off the road into the torrent below. A falling rock had broken his leg, and it was a miracle that his mount was uninjured. But for that, he would have died of exposure in the mountains. It was clearly impossible for him to ride further.

"The mail must go through," he said desperately.

Bill seized his chance.

"I want to be in Denver," he said quickly. "Can I take it?"

"Who's he?" Smokey asked.

"He's working for John Smith at Cherry Creek. I guess it's irregular, Smokey, but I'm the Company's agent here, and I aim to take a chance on him. When can ye start, Bill?"

"Now," he said, already slinging the mail-pouch across his shoulder. "Bring me your best horse."

"Here, gimme a receipt," Hicks protested as Bill vaulted into the saddle and was about to ride off. "The next post is 16 miles, and if anything happens to that Christmas mail—"

"I know," Bill called cheerfully. "I'd best clear out of America."

Hicks' reply was lost as Bill clattered down the trail.

A heavy leaden sky and the smell of snow made the boy anxious to get clear of the mountains. He had no watch, but a good sense of time told him that he had covered half the distance when the first light flakes drifted down. Unless it fell heavily he would leave a trail that anyone could follow, but if it snowed hard enough to cover his tracks it might be impossible to get through.

**Cheyennes**

HE was glad to reach the next staging-post, where he had to explain who he was, and be curt with the stage-keeper who wanted to gossip, for he still had 35 miles to go. That meant he would be riding after sundown for the last two hours. Fortunately there was a full moon.

"I'd sooner it was you than me," the stage-keeper said laconically as Bill was leaving. "The Cheyennes have just shut up the telegraph line. Keep your hair on, or ye'll get lost."

That was certainly serious. Moreover, it had stopped snowing again, leaving his tracks clear behind him. His eyes slid warily from side to side, and every moment he expected to hear the shrill war-whoop of the Cheyennes. Instinctively he had counted the telegraph posts whose wires would one day supplant the Pony Express. Knowing the distance between them he calculated that he had only five miles to the next post. He drove his mount hard now, and at the next staging-post pulled up, his horse steaming with sweat. The sun, a dull copper ball, hung low in the sky. Only 20 miles to Denver now—and long, last stage and he would be safe.

"Watch out for the Cheyennes," the stage-keeper warned him.

Eight miles of hard riding and he was almost out of the Rockies. He turned a moment in his saddle. The sun hung red and menacing in a snow-covered world. And then he saw them silhouetted against the dying light—a score of Cheyenne horse-men, motion-

less they sat gazing down at him from the heights. Only the moccasins of their shaggy horses stirred in the wind, and the feathers in their hair. Then they broke into violent action as one of their number was in his saddle and shook his buffalo robes, a sure sign of enemy. Bill wasted no time as the whooping and yapping broke out. Bending low over his horse's neck, he rode for his life.

He was almost out of the foothills when snow fell again. His horse was reasonably fresh, and there was a good chance of escape when Lone Wolf, a Cheyenne scout saw him. Lone Wolf was not a good shot, and he did not want to fire lest he should miss and the warriors behind him should snap up his prize.

Snow muffled the hoof-beats, and Bill was unaware of Lone Wolf closing in for the kill. Lone Wolf licked his lips; he would take no chance of this time. Bill had a premonition of danger. Glancing to his right he saw Lone Wolf in full war-paint riding him down, and an arrow drawn to its head at point-blank range.

And then it happened. Ten feet of rippling muscle launched itself from a rock and sank its teeth into the neck of Bill's horse that was flung by the impact, screaming and plunging, against Lone Wolf's mount. Both animals crashed,

bright and clear, and the Rockies gleamed white in the background from Pike's Peak in the south to Lone's Peak in the north.

"Ain't you interested?" Smith asked as Bill slipped his unopened letter into his pocket.

"It will only say I'm too young for the job," Bill said. "I might as well read it though."

Then he whooped his delight and executed a war-dance in the post office.

"Must be some Christmas present," Smith commented.

"Listen to this," Bill grinned. "Dear Mr. Cody—that's me—During your interview with us you said that if you were unsuccessful you intended to make your own way to John Smith, your father's friend, at Denver. If you should collect this letter there, we consider that you will have proved that you have the initiative and the sense of responsibility which we suggested your youth still lacked. If you present this letter at our headquarters in St. Joseph we shall therefore be pleased to take you into our employ."

"You'll be known as the youngest rider of the Pony Express," Smith congratulated him.

But even he could not guess that the boy was later to win world-wide fame as Buffalo Bill.

throwing their riders, with the mountain lion snarling on top of them. Bill's gun had gone. He had only his hunting knife. Momentarily, the beast was more to be feared than the Indian who lay groaning in the snow. Pounding down the hillside, the Cheyennes saw what had happened, their war-whoops changing to yells of triumph. The blood of Bill's gallant horse stained the snow, and he knew it was dying.

Such fury swept him that, heedless of his danger, he hurled himself on the mountain lion and buried his razor-keen knife in its neck. As Lone Wolf staggered to his feet, Bill leapt back, leaving his knife in the falling beast. Lone Wolf lost his weapons in the fall, but he dared not let his enemy escape now. As he rushed forward, still half-dazed, Bill struck him on the point of the jaw. Lone Wolf dropped as though pole-axed.

**Moonlight**

BILL had no time to search for his gun, and his horse was already stiffening in the snow, but Lone Wolf's horse snatched there in the growing darkness. Tameless it let Bill mount, and the confidence of the rider flowed into the horse as he urged it forward, still out of range of the Cheyennes thundering behind him.

Gradually Bill increased his lead, but snow had obliterated the track, and, despite the darkness, his trail gleamed plain for his pursuers. However, he was able to keep on his course by the line of telegraph posts. Then, his horse stumbled, and though it recovered it galloped more slowly. Inevitably he must be overtaken, and another scalp would dangle from a Cheyenne belt. But he would not give in.

It was snowing harder, and the wind rising screaming over the plain, filling up his tracks and increasing to a blizzard. A wild hope surged in Bill's breast. There was still a chance. He turned aside and let his horse have the reins. At last, in darkness with the blizzard raging about them, Bill knew that he had thrown off the Cheyennes, but his plight was no better, for he was lost, and both he and his horse would perish of exposure if they did not soon find shelter.

Suddenly, as they stumbled through the blinding storm, Bill glimpsed a dim yellow light, and was soon thawing himself out by the log fire in El Dorado, Denver's one hotel.

When the weather eased somewhat, he took his mail-pouch to the staging-post, obtained a receipt, and enquired the way to John Smith's.

"Cody, you said your name was?" the man asked as he glanced through the mail.

"William Frederick Cody?"

"Well, if you ain't brought a letter for yourself from Sacramento, too," he said, examining the address on the back.

"And a letter for John Smith."

"I'll take them," Bill said.

"Rules is rules," said the staging-keeper reprovingly. "Post office ain't open till mornin'. Ye'll have to collect them."

Bill's welcome at Cherry Creek compensated him for all the perils of the road, and while Wapoola plied him with food, he related his adventures, ending with the refusal to let him have their mail.

"That ornery ol' ass," Smith laughed. "He could ha' winked at the regulations in your case. You sure earned it. Well, we'll fetch 'em tomorrow."

Christmas morning dawned

By S. C. GEORGE

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# My case against teetotalers

by NANCY SPAIN

UP comes a curious little volume by that old teetotal novelist Upton Sinclair. He was the man, remember, who became a best seller because he told the true story of the Chicago meat yards in a book called "The Jungle."

ways read the detective stories in the ship's library—and not even opened "War and Peace" and "Moby Dick."

But ever since I read a brilliant new travel book, *JOURNEY TO JAVA* (Constable, 21s.), by Harold Nicolson, I have been wondering what sort of books you would take with you.

Because Harold Nicolson didn't take the latest fashionable novel. Oh dear, no. He took Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy" and Rousseau's "Confessions," and all the work of the young romantics of the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries.

Nowadays, he says, they are "crazed" because, although they acquire a great deal of knowledge at their technical schools, they do not acquire the "humanities," which are the foundations of style. "I assure you," he concludes, "I feel embarrassed when I meet these angry young men."

So on his beautiful voyage, in between observing the flying fish (which look to him like tiny, tin airplanes) and his fellow passengers (who are very spotty when stripped of their swimming), he records his findings in the shape of a series of conversations with Mr Culpeper.

Mr Culpeper collects jade, is quite young, very rich, apparently melancholy, has served a prison sentence, and is therefore terrified that someone will find out.

This, of course, explains Mr Culpeper's melancholy, which, strangely enough, Nicolson's theory that no one is melancholy "without cause."

All the while I was reading (and loving) this book I longed at one does sometimes in good conversation, to interrupt. For I know lots of melancholics who take a deep and lasting pleasure in their sulk. And it would be a pity to spoil their enjoyment by finding a reason for them.

## Sound story

I HAVE also appreciated a novel by I.A.R. (the initials stand for Ida Alexa Rosa) Wylie, *THE UNDESIRABLE* (Corgi, 16s.), which tells how a horrid German officer comes back after the war to a mountain village in Provence.

In the war he found out who all the traitors were, who betrayed whom and for how much. So it is his intention, after having blackmailed everyone, to leave with his loot, which is hidden somewhere in a cave.

He is foiled by Pascal, the illegitimate son of the local Catholic priest. Pascal is blind and poor and (by worldly standards) hardly a powerful figure. Nevertheless, his integrity is such that he defeats the German all ends up.

Mrs Wylie writes with high romantic fervour, but she has such a good, sound story to tell about the battle between good and evil that I found it very easy to forgive a little melodramatic nonsense here and there.

## The willies

NOW a complete contrast—A tremendous true "human story" *THE JUNGLE WAS OUR HOME* (Allen and Unwin, 15s.), by Joan Gerstad, all about a young married couple coping with tropical life in New Guinea.

Frankly, it gave me the willies. One of their house boys turns out to be a leper, the one who replaces him is a cannibal. Their first daughter is born dead, their second child only survives because of the power of prayer.

Eventually the Japanese bomb New Harbour (the first time I have ever thought of that day of infamy as a blessing in disguise), and Mr and Mrs Gerstad go home to live in nice, quiet, clean, cool Northern Norway.

Still, this is a good book. And there is a great deal to be said for a narrative which makes life on a tropical island sound so uncomfortable that I thank God for dear old flannelled, foggy London.

## Highly spiced

NOW another well-written novel: *THE WOMAN OF MY LIFE* (Hamish Hamilton, 12s. 6d.), by Ludwig Bemelmans. It tells how a rather sweet French nobleman, a duc, searches everywhere for a perfect love.

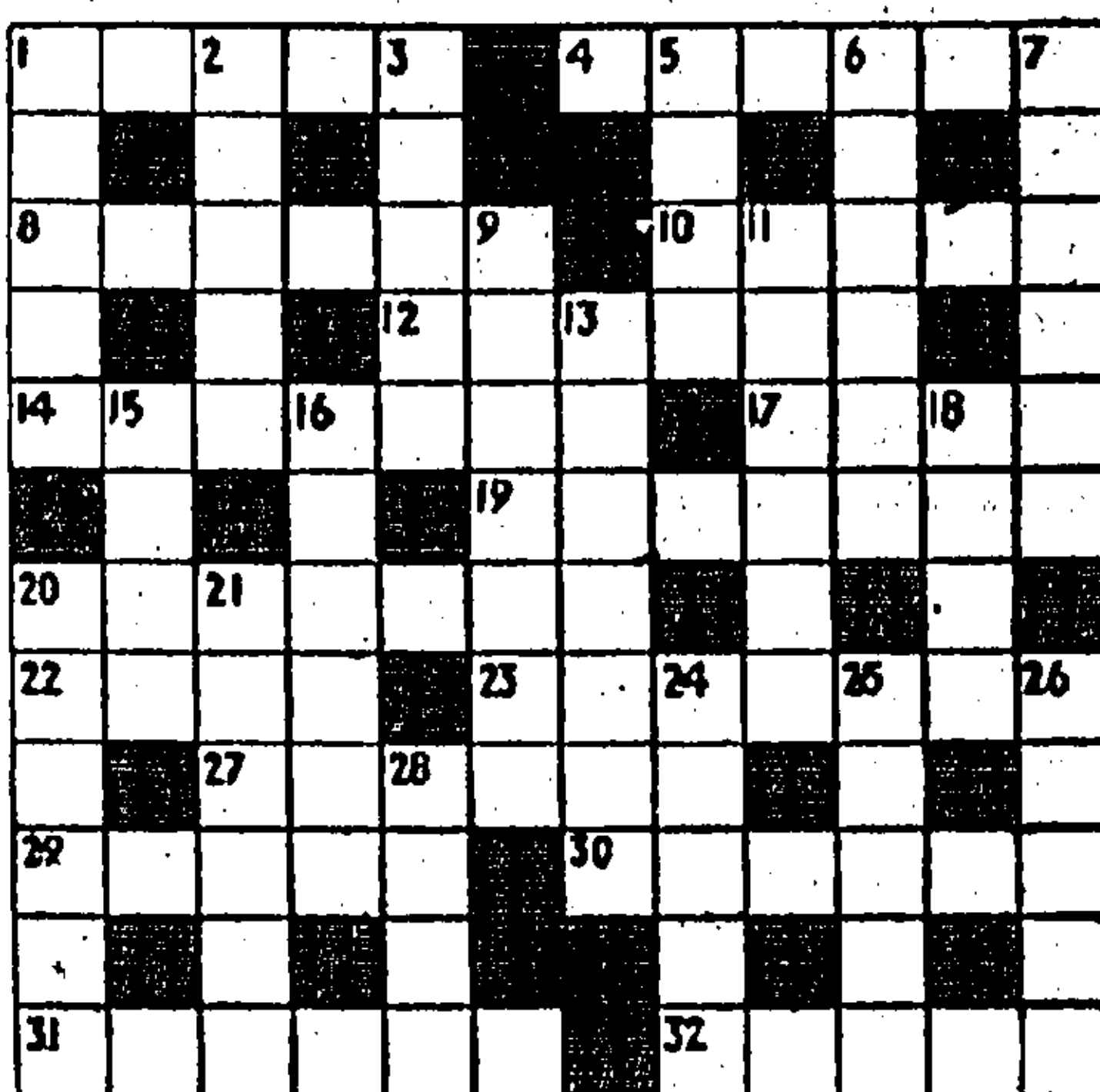
He has many awful advisers who try to help him. He stumbles from one elaborately manufactured love trap after another, and finally falls madly for an American girl with beautiful legs.

She is so honest that she provokes a terrible riot last night. But she is so lovely that she goes to him.

And while he is in jail the governor inspires him to write the true and wistful history of his various amorous encounters. Highly spiced. Fanciful stuff they all are too.

The branches of "polite" learning—especially Latin and Greek.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



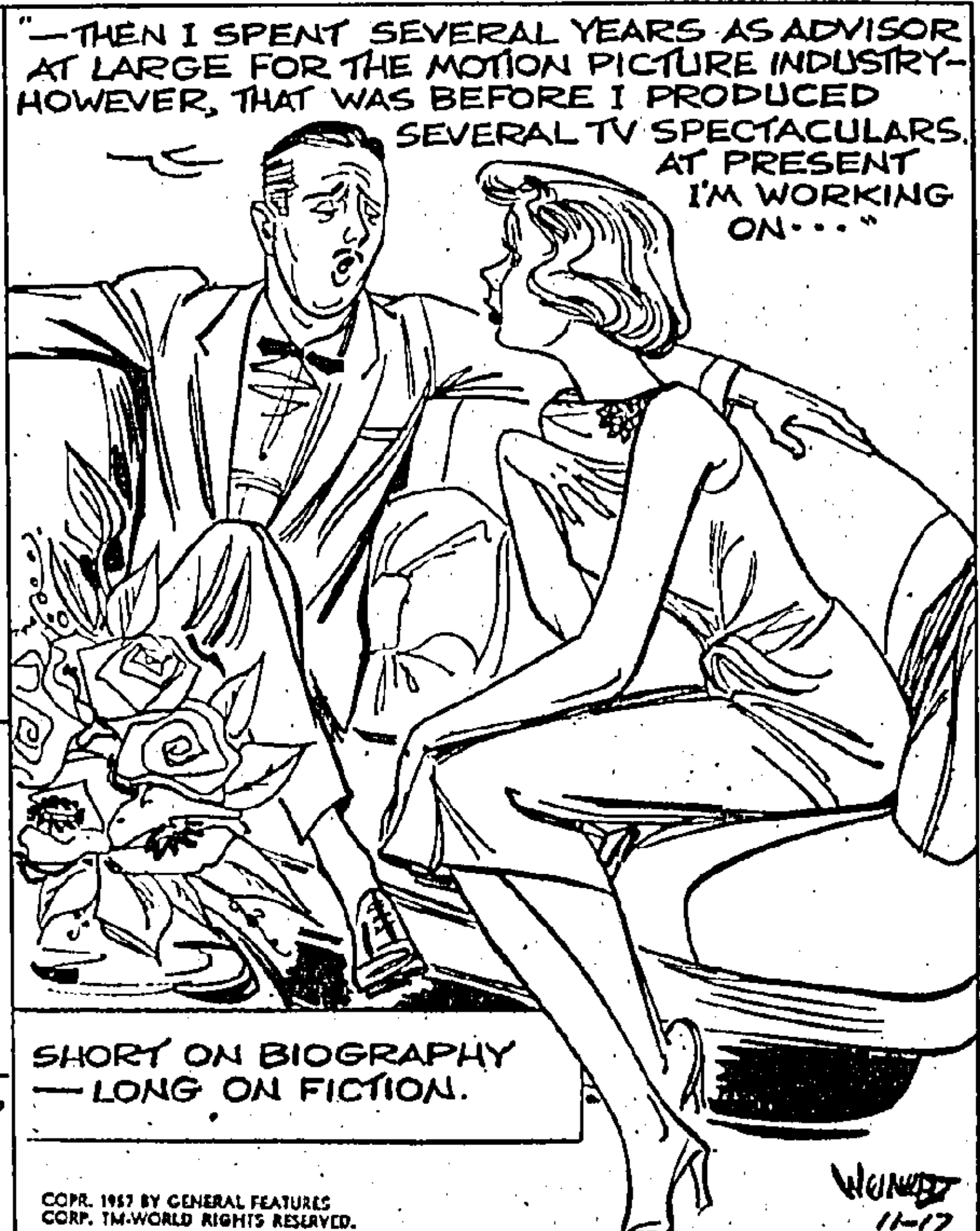
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- Picture holder (5).
  - Sort of work for a climber? (6).
  - Start to attack (6).
  - Body of sheltering rocks (5).
  - Mediterranean area (6).
  - Call together (7).
  - Withered (4).
  - Lacking in taste (7).
  - Colour of a runner? (7).
  - Intense (4).
  - Think of a number! (7).
  - Put it in the middle (6).
  - Inscribed (5).
  - Commission for a boy (8).
  - Clothes-consultant (10).
  - Consumed (5).
- DOWN
- Money seen in France, of course (5).
  - Fire-raising (5).
  - It's not at home (5).
  - "O, mein!" (4).
  - How soldiers march? (6).
  - Looked by (6).
  - Merciful (7).
  - Not liable to penalty (2, 4).
  - Have a go! (7).
  - Start of many a fairy tale (4).
  - Scurry knave? (6).
  - Paup a port (4).
  - Demonstrated how inside (6).
  - Wall, recess (6).
  - Pure (5).
  - Waltz (5).
  - Look in a way (8).
  - Like a beast of burden? (6).
  - Tidings from all quarters! (4).

FRIDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Orphaned, 8 Exit, 9 No-lenses, 11 Scimitar, 13 Ayres, 16 Intrepid, 16 Sincere, 16 Fest, 21 Minority, 22 Sheraton, 23 Four poster, 27 Darkness, Down: 1 (Black), 2 Mimi, 4 Rict, 5 Hor, 6 Nasty, 7 Dies, 9 Miles, 10 Latin, 12 Cooee, 14 Egret, 16 Epiot, 17 Devon, 19 Posed, 20 Shear, 21 Main, 22 No-ute, 23 Iron, 24 Yarn.

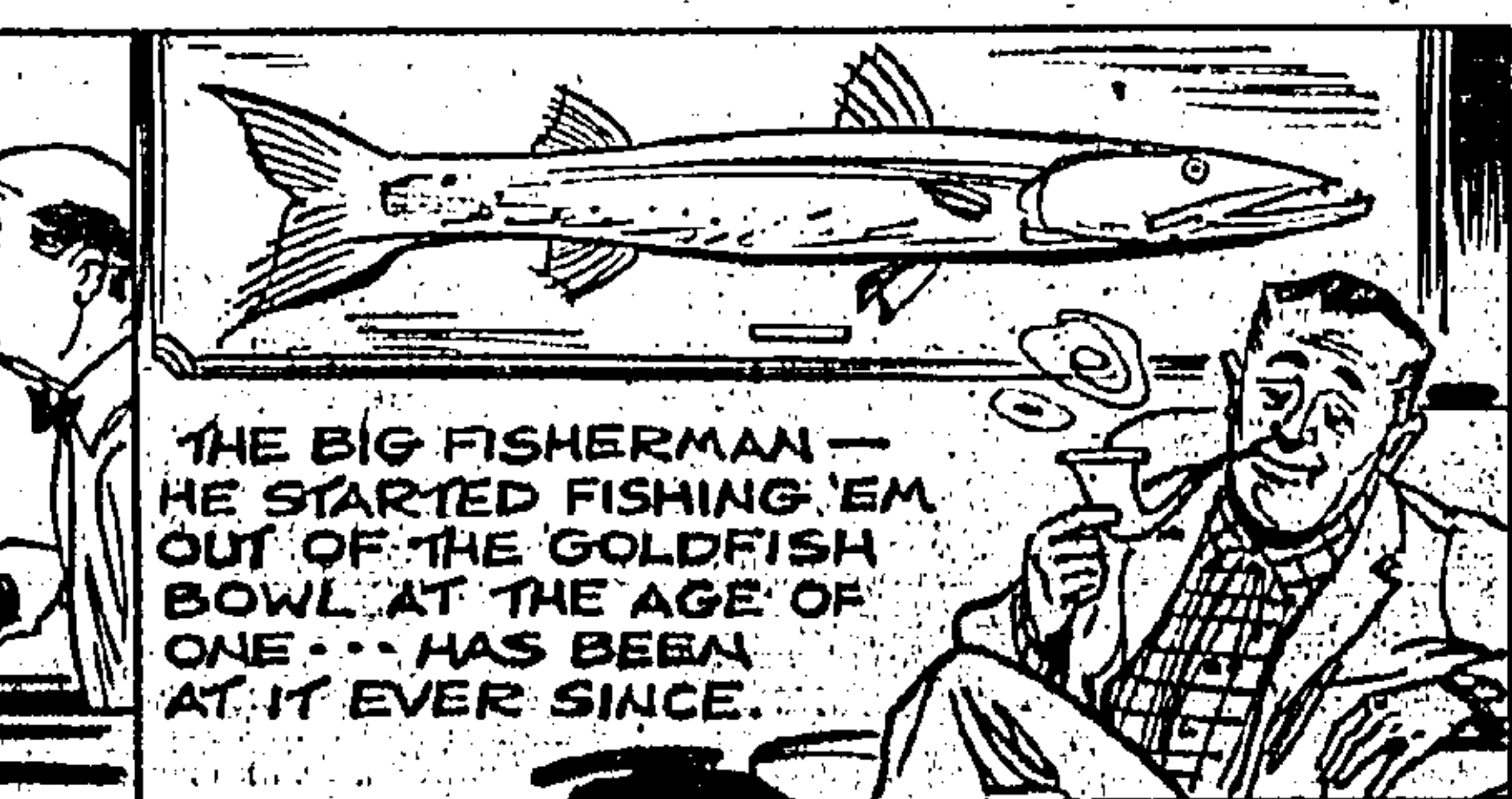
## VIGNETTES OF LIFE



## Short Biographies



## By Harry Weinert





# Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail—A "China Mail" Feature

## "Twenty-five Years"—Hongkong Contributors

### To BBC Christmas Feature

On Christmas Day, 1932, King George V broke the radio silence and created a new intimate and human link between monarch and people. On Christmas Day, 1957, his grand-daughter, Elizabeth II, once again renews this annual tradition and inaugurates a new chapter by speaking for the first time in the Christmas series before the television cameras.

Her Majesty will be preceded by a programme looking back on the changes brought to the lives of Commonwealth peoples in these twenty-five years. "Twenty-Five Years: The Commonwealth Remembers" will be a vast kaleidoscope of voices and memories recalling the rapid changes from old Empire to new Commonwealth.

Among those taking part in the programme are the Prime Minister of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, Chief Cakobau in Fiji, sugar planter Paul Langlois from Mauritius, Mabel Dove, Ghana's first woman MP, Father Koster, the only man in Africa to track the Sputnik by radiotelescope, homespun philosopher Bill Harney from the Australian out-back and Lester Pearson, this year's Nobel Peace Prize Winner from Canada.

And Hongkong contributes a recollection of a wartime broadcast by King George VI from Miss Aileen Woods, who first came to the Colony in 1911 and returned in 1919 to start a dancing school.

She and her sister Doris were informed at Stanley during the war and Aileen Woods joined Radio Hongkong as a programme assistant in 1946. Her own programme "Down Memory Lane" had an uninterrupted run for seven years, longer than any other series broadcast by the station.

#### Boxing Day

In Radio Hongkong Boxing Day programmes the recent is on variety.

Morning Melody at five minutes past eight is followed by music from the film "Snow White" and the Seven Dwarfs and then in a still lighter vein comedian Victor Borge takes over at half-past-ten with a half hour programme featuring some of his recorded hits.

At a quarter to twelve George Ramage will read his own prize-winning story, "Once Upon a Moon Time". This short story was elected first in the English short story competition held during the Festival of Arts.

At half-past-ten there is music from the Shows, in which selections from "Ivor Novello's Dancing Years" will be played.

The Gown Show's Christmas-like extravaganza, "International Christmas Pudding", will be broadcast at two o'clock and at half-past-two Grace Fields will star in "Show Time" at the London Palladium.

At three o'clock, music with a more local flavour when Radio Hongkong will present a programme of music played by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra under the baton of Victor Ardy. In this programme a variety of music will be heard, ranging from selections from "My Fair Lady" to community song.

There is music of a different sort at half-past-three with a special fifteen-minute programme of music from Outer Mongolia.

A BBC feature programme to the life of the Welsh poet, Dylan Thomas, is at four o'clock.

In Thursday Club this week the Christmas theme is maintained by the presentation of a special children's carol service, with the introduction and narration by one of the children.

There is a special Christmas Quiz at ten minutes past seven, more variety at eight o'clock with Life With the Lyons, and again at half-past-eight with the Take It From Here team of Jimmy Edwards, Dick Bentley, Alvin Cogan and Jane Wainwright.

At a quarter to ten the answers to the Christmas Quiz will be given, followed at ten o'clock by a special ten-song record programme, in which disc jockeys John Wallace and Tim Brinton come together in this type of programme for the first time.

#### Today

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I have 188 bars of chewing-gum (fruit flavour); 48 packets of mints; 12 assorted pipes; 11 unfinished ounces of pipe tobacco; six plastic and three metal tobacco pouches; 421 pipe cleaners; eight boxes of tiny Dutch cigars; seven imitation cigarettes—three with built-in menthol flavour which, through some minor fault in design, is apt to send a shower of menthol crystals down the throat. (This immediately cures one of the menthol habit.)

I also have one unfinished packet of "Anti-Bacca Gaspers," advertised as "The only genuine non-tobacco cigarette." I can sincerely endorse the maker's claim.

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IT is obvious after one agonising puff that cigarettes and Anti-Bacca Gaspers have nothing in common except that the former may kill you in 30 years while the latter can definitely achieve this in a matter of minutes.

But all that is ended. I have inhaled my last cigarette; puffed at my last pipe; reached over my last cigar. I have joined the select band of those who loudly object to people smoking in public places. I cannot begin to describe the thrill of saying, for the first time: "Excuse me, would you mind holding your cigarette a little further away, thank you so much," or the almost sensual pleasure of fanning your hand while loudly blaspheming "Puffitew . . ."

How did I come to lick it? By hypnosis.

Now, many who consult hypnotists expect too much. I know I did. I thought I would meet a frightening man with black, fathomless eyes and a Boris Karloff manner who would send me instantaneously into a deep trance with a snap of his fingers. I imagined that, on waking, he would offer me a cigarette which would react on me just as the Anti-Bacca Gaspers did. I imagined that I would be a willing victim of post-hypnotic suggestion—one visit, one trance, and a permanent allergy to tobacco in all its forms.

It is a lovely thought, and whether anybody has actually been cured like this I do not know. I certainly was not.

To start with, my hypnotist never sends one into a deep

...but just look  
what it's  
costing me now



I thought I could meet a man with the Boris Karloff manner.

by  
**MICHAEL PERTWEE**

...playwright and scriptwriter, author of television's *Grave Family*, and husband of actress Valerie French.

trance. In fact, I sometimes wonder if I go into a trance at all. I lie on a comfortable couch while the mild-mannered doctor with gentle eyes sits behind me and repeatedly tells me I am falling into a deep sleep.

Meanwhile, I am perfectly conscious of the hum of a vacuum cleaner upstairs, the whine of a Viscount airliner, the rather embarrassing rumbling of my own tummy, following a splendid lunch.

### Lighter . . .

HE tells me that my left arm is getting lighter, light as a feather. This is nonsense. Now he goes even further and says it is floating upwards like a balloon. Utter nonsense again!

Willingness to co-operate is one thing but it would be dishonesty to stick one's arm in the air just to please him. . . . Well, actually, the arm is now sticking in the air, having risen of its own accord like a . . . well, rather like a balloon.

No sooner is it up there than he tells you that it is as heavy as lead and wants to fall down again. It doesn't. It is perfectly comfortable as it is. . . . Well, a little heavy perhaps and it must look rather stupid sticking in the air. So you bring it down.

Next, he says you are sleeping deeply. Quite untrue. Your eyes may be closed but you are wide awake and fully conscious of all that is happening—even though you can hear yourself snoring.

Now he talks to you, repeating over and over again that you have given up smoking, that you will never start again, that the desire will grow progressively less and finally disappear completely.

You pay a number of visits to him with gradually lengthening intervals between them. Don't kid yourself that it is easy. But it worked with me and I am very grateful and feel all the better for it.

### The cost

AND think of the money I saved! My smoking used to cost me £100 a year. Between now and the age of 60 I shall therefore save £3,000.

But, already, I can hear the more cynical reader asking how much it actually cost to be cured. Fair enough! Let us examine it. I'll be ruthlessly honest.

To hypnotist's fee . . . . . £25  
To specialist's fee, barium test and X-rays for suspected duodenal ulcer (actually an attack of gastritis caused, it is believed, through nerves,

following sudden cessation of smoking) . . . . . £30  
To osteopath's fee for attention to sacroiliac following midnight fall from bed during night-mare about cigarettes . . . . . £5  
To visit to G.P. re poisoned thumb, caused by biting nail to the quick . . . . . £2  
To damage to motor car (insured third party only) partly wrecked by hit-and-run coal lorry in Harley Street . . . . . £35  
To visit to dietician for latest "crash" slimming diet owing to return of schoolboy appetite (this was a waste of time as dietician recommended taking up smoking again) . . . . . £0  
To fine for parking offence outside dietician's house . . . . . £2  
To purchase of five new suits, six shirts, overcoat, etc., following weight increase of 1st. 11lb. . . . . £235

### I eat now

THE total capital outlay is therefore seen to be £339—or, if one cares to look at it another way, about two years and four months of smoking.

But, already, I hear the cynics at it again. "What about new expenditure?" they will say. "You can't give up smoking without taking up something else."

This would seem to be rather splitting hairs—but let us examine it.

As a smoker I never eat biscuits or sweets. I see from my household accounts that I now eat sweets and biscuits to the tune of £1 a week.

I was always, and still am, a very moderate drinker but I do consume a little more now. I have a couple at lunchtime to keep me going and am apt to have an extra one at night. This increases my outlay by about £1 10s. a week.

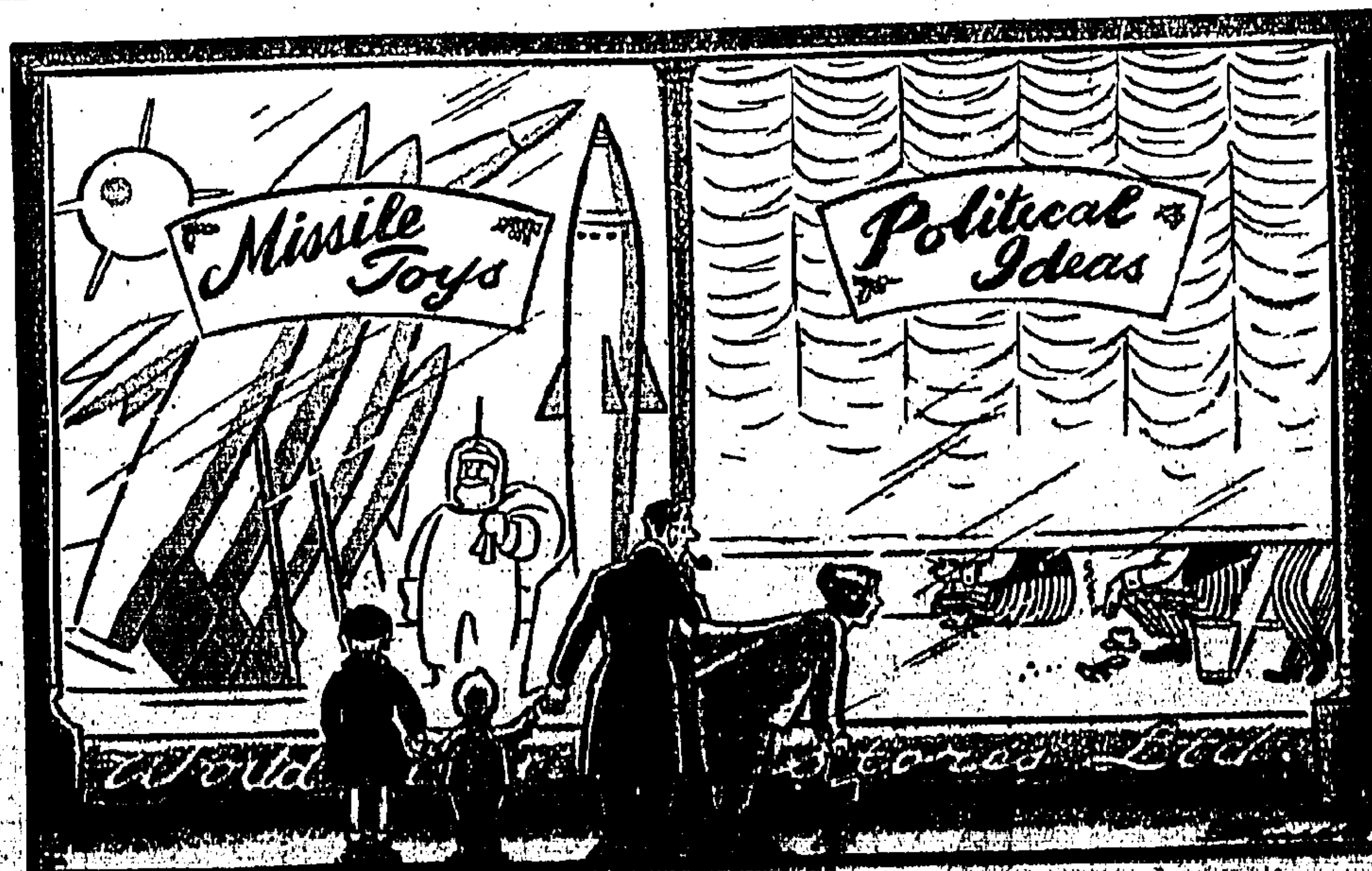
### More . . .

LASTLY comes the question of appetite. I have to admit that I eat a good deal more than I did. I never ate lunch in the old days. A sandwich, a coffee, and a cigarette sufficed.

Now, three courses are barely enough. Depending upon what and where I eat, this costs me an additional £2-3 per week.

To sum up—my new expenditure is roughly £5 per week. My smoking used to cost me £3 per week. I am therefore spending about £100 a year MORE than previously.

It seems extraordinary but there it is. However, I must look on the bright side. I shall have abandoned a cheap and useless habit. I can no longer look forward to comfort and security but, at the age of 60, I shall possess the abounding health and vigour so vitally necessary to combat the difficult, if not desperate, financial situation which will face me in the long, joyless autumn of my life.



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Says I. M. MacTAVISH

No football fan in the Colony can be indifferent to the decision of the Hong-kong Football Association to permit higher prices to be charged for certain parts of the grandstand at the Hongkong Stadium.

It is almost fantastic to believe that fans are going to be asked to pay as much as \$6 for a seat at an ordinary League match between two amateur teams playing on a ground that was built by Government for the general advancement of sport.

For this amount of money it is possible to get the very best seat in the centre of the stand at Highbury, or Old Trafford, The Hawthorns and it is more than is charged for the best seats at Tynecastle or Ibrox. And these are the grounds where Britain's greatest professional clubs play.

I am completely baffled to know how such an increase in charges can ever be justified. From \$2.40 to a permissible \$4 is a hefty jump and even if the competing clubs exercise their right to charge less than the maximum (I wonder when we shall see such generosity) the price is still far too high for the football that is being produced here at the present time.

### Crowd Control

On several occasions I have heard the scheme justified because it will remove the current crowd control problem created by the anomaly of spectators paying the same price for covered accommodation. According to the stories in current circulation the regular fans on the east side of the ground object to having to pay the same amount as the folks who were sitting in reserved seats under cover on the opposite side. This move towards increased prices is the result!

I WONDER IF IT EVER OCCURRED TO THE GOOD PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS LATEST DECISION THAT THE ANOMALY COULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED JUST AS EFFECTIVELY...AND WITH MUCH GREATER SATISFACTION TO THE FANS...BY REDUCING THE PRICE OF ADMISSION TO THE UNCOVERED ACCOMMODATION!!!

There is another aspect of this affair which is worthy of consideration.

There is an old axiom which says "The rich shall be richer..." and the poor shall be poorer..." and it looks as though something of that policy is involved in this latest imposition.

### Only Four

I wonder how many of you realise that so far this season only four clubs have actually played in First Division or Senior Shield games at the Stadium. Six of the present teams in the Senior League, and also St. Joseph's and Royal Navy who were relegated at the end of last season, have never as far as I know, had a game on the Stadium's fine turf....

and of the others Sing Tao and CAA have had but the minimum opportunity of appearing there. The ground has in fact been almost a monopoly involving South China, KMB, and Kitching with Eastern and Army getting a less frequent look in. There is little or no indication that there will be any significant change in this set-up, and with the extra accumulated wealth which will accrue from the new admission charges it indeed looks very much a case that the rich shall be richer and the poor can play wherever they like....and in this Colony it is a fact that wealth and soccer superiority go hand in hand.

Incidentally, you might like to be reminded that when there is a full house at the Stadium under the present scale of charges the gross value of the gate is \$57,000, of which the "home" team gets about \$23,000 and the "visitors" get about \$3,000...and that's not bad for a game where two amateur football teams are playing against each other. I am told

that if and when the new maximum charge is imposed the gross value of a capacity gate will be increased to \$70,000!!! Makes you think, doesn't it?

### Intense Criticism

It would be sheer pantomime to pretend that the All-Hong-kong and Hongkong Selection teams picked to represent us against the visiting Wacker side have met with general approval. In fact it would be truer to say that in Chinese circles particularly they have invoked intense criticism.

The sports writers, like the fans who flock to the big games, cannot understand for example how Tang Sun, surely the most consistent wing half in Colony football, has suddenly faded from the Captaincy of the All-Hongkong side to complete obscurity.... apparently not even good enough to be mentioned in the list of reserves for the Selection. Similarly it is interesting to see goalkeeper Kwok Chow-ming getting a reserve mention while Wai Fat-kim, who is keeping him out of the KMB first team and who has represented the Colony on innumerable occasions, has been ignored completely.

### Intriguing

It is an intriguing thought too to see a big star who recently publicly criticised the Selection for their inability to pick a well balanced team, once again among the nominated players.

Nevertheless the All-Hongkong side is a formidable looking unit. I do not think it is by any means the best side we can produce. I do not believe that Lau Kin-cheung is our best goalkeeper: in fact I would not nominate him in the first three, but he is young and he will certainly benefit from the experience he will gain in this series and he may be important in the years to come.

The backs are tried and trusted servants but it remains to be seen whether or not Mendum will fit into the highly flexible playing plan which this side will obviously employ. I do not consider the ebullient soldier is the ideal right half for this particular job, but he is undoubtedly an accomplished player and he will certainly carry the best wishes of us all. He has many critics, but he also has a grand opportunity to prove them all wrong by turning in a top-class display.

### Great Interest

The honouring of McNeil is both timely and to some degree logical while Cawley's debut at centre-half in the Selection will be watched with great interest and, provided he can tighten up his head work to the high crossed ball, he should do very well.

The face of our Colony representative sides is changing fast but everyone who follows the game here closely will wish the players the best of luck in the important games that lie ahead.

There may be those who seek to criticise the line-ups but that is directed at the men who pick the teams and not at the players.... the latter deserve nothing but our staunchest support.

Among the variety of items in a very interesting posting this week was a letter from Mr. Dalgetty who had control of the recent Combined Chinese-Combined Services game. You will remember that after a decision by the referee there

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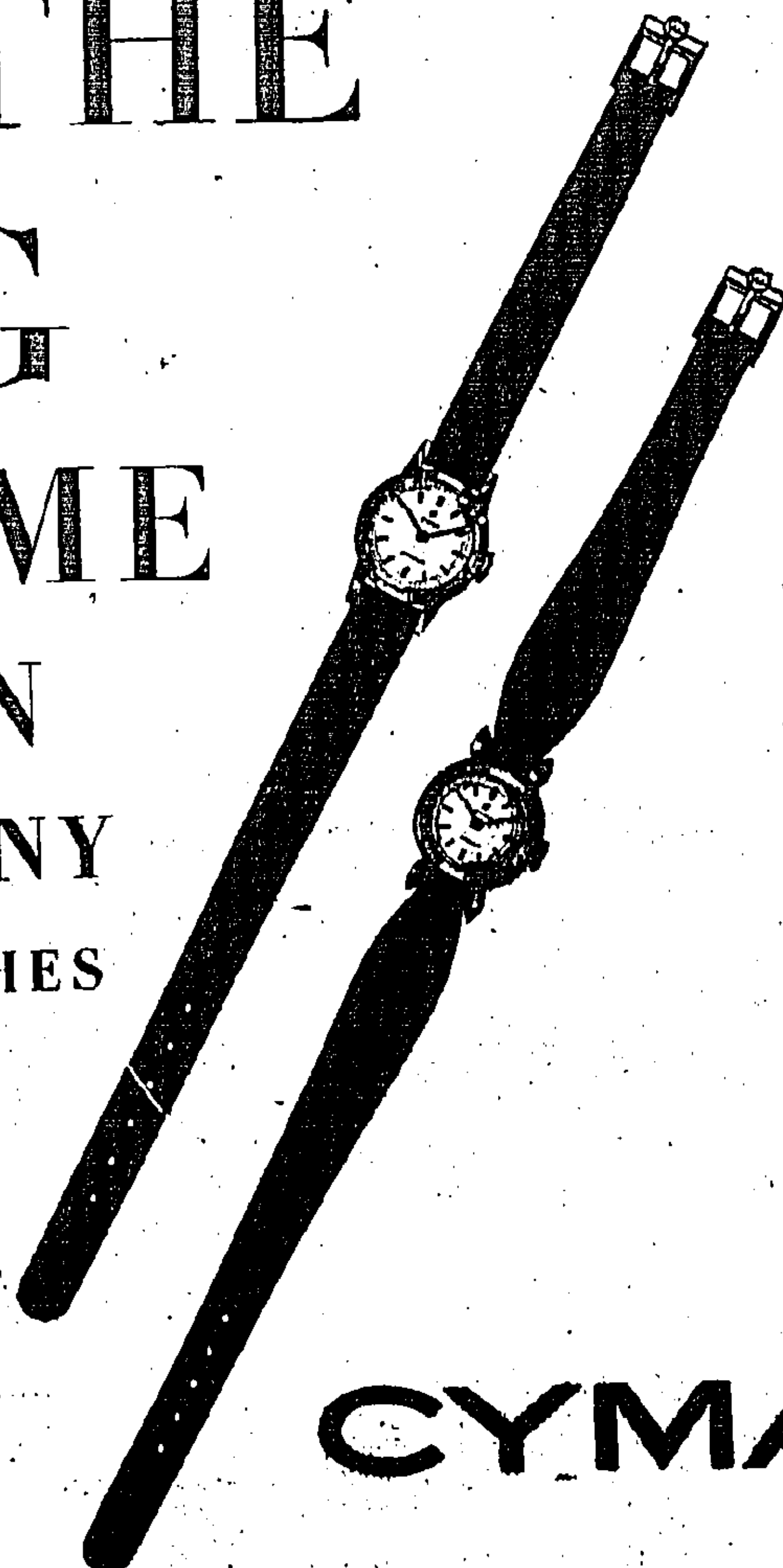
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## NAVY "A" FAVOURITES TO BEAT RAF ISLAND IN TODAY'S RUGBY MATCH

By "PAK LO"

To forecast the games for this afternoon is one of the easiest tasks I have had to do this season, for in all but one match the various XVs at the top of the pre-Christmas Tournament Table meet the XVs who are close to the bottom.

The one exception is the game between RAF Island and the Navy which will take place on the Army ground at Sookunpoo at 4.15 p.m. As a curtain raiser to this Club "B" face the mighty Garrison on the same ground at 3.00 p.m.

On the other side of the harbour on the Police ground in Boundary Street at 3.00 p.m. top ranking Club "A" take on RAF Mainland, while at 4.15 p.m. Police are at home to 48 Brigade.

The match between the Navy and RAF Island should therefore be the only one in which the result is in doubt. The Islanders are plagued with injuries this week with Cornah coming out of hospital after Wednesday night's game against the Police, in which he suffered concussion, and with Clark still on the sick list after an injury in the same game.

Gilliland is brought in in place of Clark, and the Islanders are thus a little weaker than previously. Navy on the other hand will be fielding much the same side as that which played last Saturday, and after their convincing win over the Police last week-end the Navy must start as the favourites today.

The Navy pack is the much more dangerous in the loose, and their three are fast if orthodox, and the Islanders just do not have the strength in defence to stop them altogether. Although the Islanders may well score, my vote goes to the Navy for this afternoon.

### Surprising Change

In the Garrison-Club "B" game, Garrison have one surprising change. Green is rested this week. Davies is still missing from scrum half, and is likely to be out of the game for some time to come, as it is reported that his shoulder is broken.

Not that this should make much difference to the result, for Club "B" look no stronger and no weaker than usual and with their present record a win might safely be classed as an impossibility. Another two points for Garrison here, but I do not expect Garrison to have it all their own way, and a

moderate score should be the final result.

On the mainland Club "A", still without Valentine and Penman, should have no great trouble in overcoming RAF Mainland. The latter, like their compatriots, the Islanders, are hard hit by injuries, with Martin missing from the line-up with a couple of broken ribs. Haines moves into the scrum half spot, and though this should even up the Mainland backs, their weak passing will give the Club "A" all the chances they want, and the latter should win easily.

The Police are feeling much happier this week, after having beaten the team chosen by the RAF to go forward to the Pentagonal. That this will be the final RAF team is extremely unlikely after Wednesday's loss, and a much bigger contingent from the Island will improve the RAF XV.

### Couple Of Switches

The Police won on Wednesday by 6 points (1 try, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 try). However, the Police have made a couple of positional switches, bringing Lloyd into the fly half spot, and dropping Riach into the centre of the three. This seems a strange move when it is realised that Lelliott and Riach combined well on Wednesday, and it would come as no surprise if the combination of Lelliott and Lloyd broke down as it has done before.

48 Brigade are at full strength, and though at the beginning of the season they only managed to beat the Police by 6 points, they have improved so tremendously that they should win comfortably today.

The pre-Christmas Table now shows a big gap between the leaders and the rest of the XVs, and there is no doubt that the fight for top place in the Pentagonal will resolve itself into a battle between Club and Navy. Navy vary too much in strength over the period under discussion to be seriously considered, and the other XVs will not, on present form, be a menace to either of the two top teams.

### HOW THEY STAND

Club	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Club "A"	12	10	8	2	100	81	30																			
Garrison	10	9	8	1	101	81	10																			
48 Brigade	11	7	8	4	101	78	14																			
RAF Is.	11	7	8	4	101	78	14																			
Navy	9	4	8	5	118	123	8																			
RAF Main	8	1	1	8	33	143	3																			
Club "B"	10	9	8	1	101	78	14																			

### Today's Teams

Club "A": Kirkwood, MacCallum, Stone, Kivert, Lal, Brown, Steward, Moore, King, Turner, Swindley, Carpenter, Elliott, Sumner, Campbell.

RAF Island: Hogg, Gilliland, Little Myers, Hart, Cornah, Hinchings, Southwell, Fowler, Elmore, Aldridge, Phillips, Watt, Hamilton, Samuels.

Navy: Freeman, Evans, Watson, Blair-Smyth, Hobson, Andrew, Brochy, Allen, Thomas, Boocock, Smith, Montague, Vallings, Wilson, Brochy.

RAF Main: Brackenbury, Coombs, Wilkenham, A. N. Oller, Pickforth, Hope, Fienes, Maitland, Potter, Hooke, Emerson, Particular, Steele, A. N. Oller.

Police: Martin, Cooke, Cheong, Dellech, Ingh, O'Kelly, Tancock, Whittier, Shaffer, Williams, Ross, Howe, Miller, Miller, Wright.

Police: Johnson, Reynolds, Scott, Riach, McNally, Lloyd, Lelliott, Shelley, Cunningham, Stevens, Forsythe, Brown, Walker, Bryan, Miller.

48 Brigade: Leppard, Bede-Cox, Carr, Brown, Carrington, Syme, Andrews, Morrison, Oats, Linham, Munro, Mander, Hill, Wynn, Horton.

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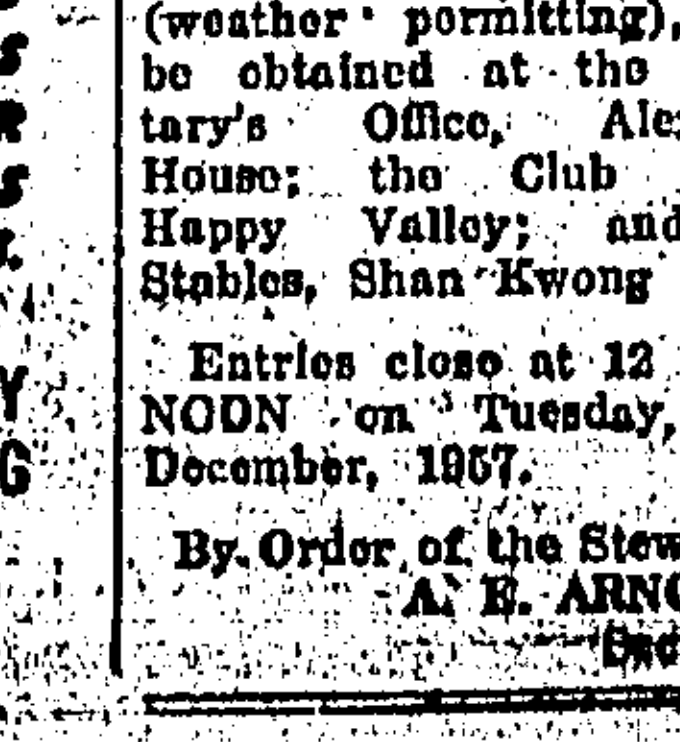
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## WEEK-END SOFTBALL Seniors Back In Action DODGERS HOLD SLIGHT EDGE OVER PANDAS

By "TIME OUT"

After three long weeks of inactivity, Senior League softball gets into top gear once again when three Pennant contenders, the Warriors, Pandas and the PI Dodgers, see action in an interesting week-end programme that should please even the most discriminating of fans.

Apart from the attractive Senior games slated, there is an important tussle between the League-leading Hurricanes and South China in the Ladies' division, plus a full quota of Junior League matches in which the top teams will be all out to maintain their respective positions in the current League standings.

Robert Remedios' Cheyennes are engaged in the opening game at 2.00 p.m. today when they take on the plucky servicemen from Shatin, Dave Cooper's Austers, and should have little difficulty in disposing of the opposition.

The Cheyennes breezed through a curtailed game, 19 to 4, in their first meeting. The Austers are understandably in high spirits after last week's upset triumph over the powerful Comets but, taking into consideration Cheyenne pitcher Henry Vianini's good form and his teammates' errorless performance and display of heavy artillery just a week ago, the Austers will have to make a superhuman effort to produce a shock upset.

### Vital Game

Immediately afterwards the red-hot Seminoles have a vital game against the temperamental Dodgers. The Filipinos found the going heavy against bottom-of-the-League South China lately, and with only one loss to date are very much in the race for the Pennant.

Ed Carvalho's Seminoles have been firing on all four cylinders since the season began and are out for victory No. 23—a record that will take some beating—and it appears that they will do so at the expense of the Dodgers.

Cagey manager Fred Diesta of the Dodgers will have to spur his boys to extra efforts if they expect to end the Seminoles' run of victories, but as the Dodgers play a very inconsistent brand of softball an upset is not likely.

Tomorrow's League programme gets under way at 10.00 a.m. when in a Junior League family affair the War Eagles take on their younger brothers, the Wah Ying. Both team have no further interest in the League race, but as the sides are evenly matched an interesting

game could develop. Wah Ying have not forgotten how lucky the Eagles were a fortnight ago when the latter edged them out by a single run and will be trying hard to avenge this reversal. Simultaneously at the "D" diamond the comely University girls face an unknown side, Lee Chi-hong's Overseas, who have yet to make their debut in ladies' softball. The latter have been affected by an attack of truancy, conceding two walk-overs in as many starts.

Perhaps they do not appreciate that failure to make an appearance is downright discourtesy to the other team and to the fans. Let's hope they show up tomorrow for their game as we are all very anxious to see them in action.

Experience will be pitted against youth and brains against brawn when at 11.30 a.m. D. S. Ling's Pandas cross bats with Diesta's P.I. Dodgers in a Senior League game which should see every available seat in the stands taken up.

### They Can

The Dodgers in recent games have shown that if they want to they can play good softball without any display of tantrums. Although they have released Budji Dhehner, there is ample compensation for they have acquired the services of ex-Blackhawk "Cal" Ronales and ex-Brave "Calvin" Yvanovich.

With Vic Pedruco still tossing his fast ball with unerring accuracy and backed up by such energetic fielders as Antonio Gutierrez, Onofre Souza, Johnny Azevedo, etc. plus Remedios and Yvanovich, the Dodgers get my vote for this game.

The Pandas, also with two defeats registered against them, will once again rely on the true and tested arm of veteran Jackie Wol. Although visibly slowing

down in his hurling, Wei still knows how to pace himself through seven tough innings. With hitting support off the bats of Wally Ma, Lam Ping, Frank Cheng and Raymond Tsao, the Dodger outfield will be kept busy. A tense pitching duel between Pedruco and Wei should ensue and much will depend on the performances of these two moundmen. By virtue of superior speed on the bases the Dodgers should win this game—but first they will have to find an answer to Wei's pitching.

### The Highlight

The highlight of the afternoon games is undoubtedly the return encounter between this season's potential Ladies' champions, Onofre Souza's red-shirted Hurricanes, and last year's title-holders, South China, at 2.00 p.m.

Even allowing for the possibility of another round being played off in the Ladies' League, a win for the Hurricanes means the Pennant as they have previously defeated the Chinese girls.

Souza's proteges have good teamwork, while South China, without pitcher "Peanut" Yim, are a very ordinary side indeed. If Yim strikes form the Hurricanes will have a hard time, otherwise the road to Pennantville is clear all the way for the Hurricanes.

The final game of the day at 3.30 p.m. has Al Oliveira's Warriors pitted against the U. S. Navy. The new station ship, the USS "Gurke", is reputed to have a speedwaller with a repertoire of pitches, but he will have to match wits with the Warriors' "Goose" Wong, the League's top hurler. Unless Navy pitcher really lives up to his reputation, the Warriors will dictate terms all the way.

## Sports Diary

TODAY

Div. 1—Club v. Kitchee (Club)  
3.30 p.m. South China v. Jardinees  
(Club) 3.30 p.m.  
Div. 2—Caroline Hill v. South China (Club) 3 p.m. Navy v. HURRICANES (Navy) 3.30 p.m. Patriots v. Alcester (Navy) 3.30 p.m.

Div. 3—Tamar v. Kowloon Godown (Navy) 3 p.m. South China v. Dapunta (Navy) 3 p.m. Happy Valley (Navy) 3 p.m. Redoubt v. CAT (Navy) 3.30 p.m. Waystone v. University (Navy) 3.30 p.m.

Club "D" v. Garrison (Sootrupool) 3 p.m. RAN Island v. Navy (Sootrupool) 3 p.m. RAN Mainland v. Club (Sootrupool) 3 p.m. Police v. 45 Brigade (Police Ground) 4.15 p.m.

Cricket  
Island v. Mainland (First Division), KCC, 1.30 p.m.  
Island v. Mainland (Second Division), CCC, 1.30 p.m.

Racing  
Fifth Race Meeting (Second Day), Happy Valley, 3 p.m.



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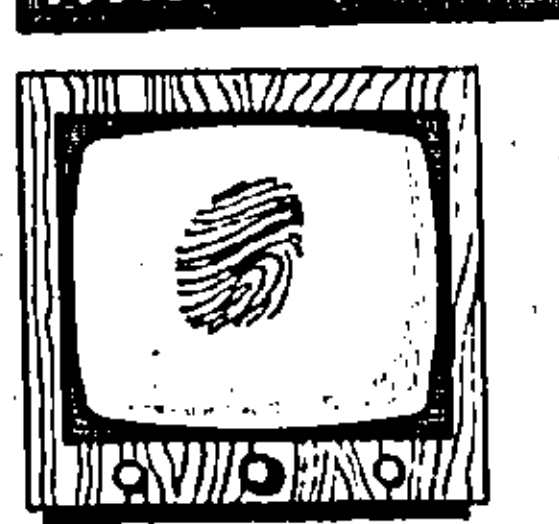
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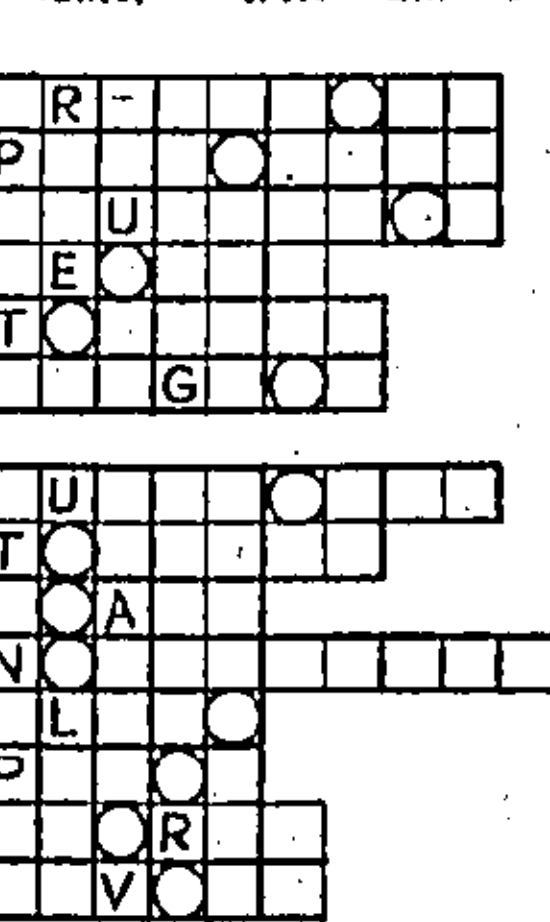
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- 8 Operating this
- 9 Play
- 10 Young darkies
- 11 For a crossword
- 12 Schemes
- 13 Fictional detective
- 14 Books

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



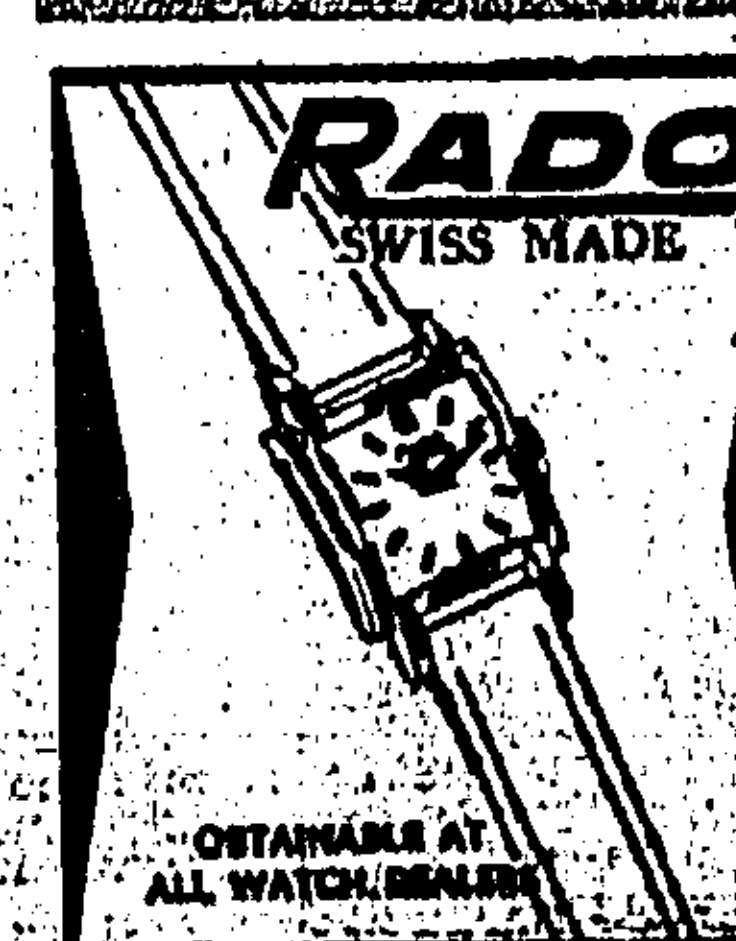
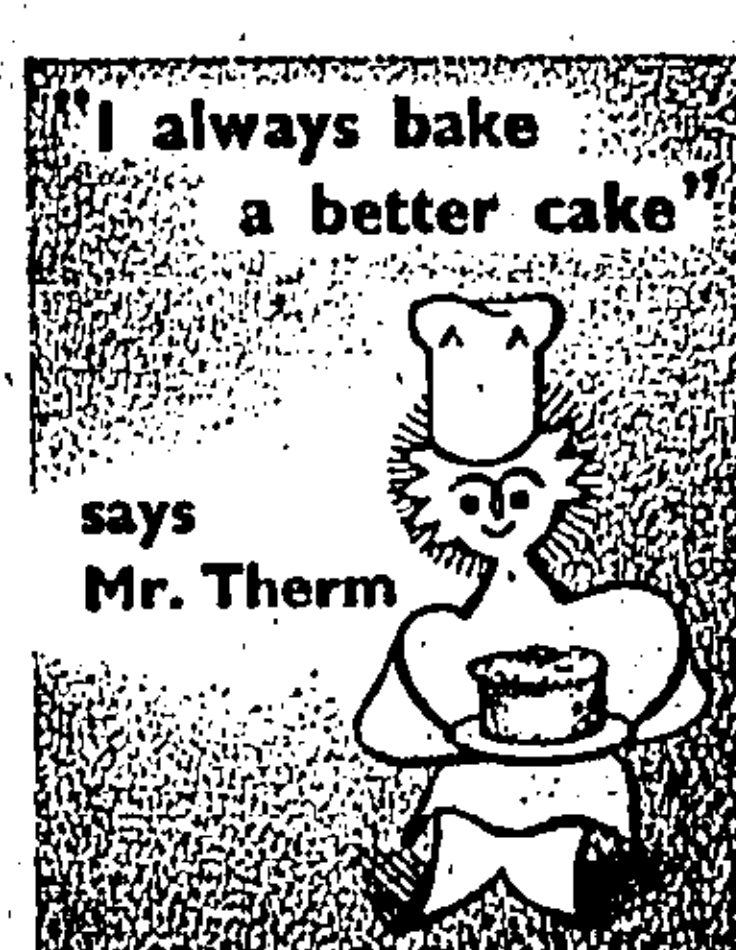
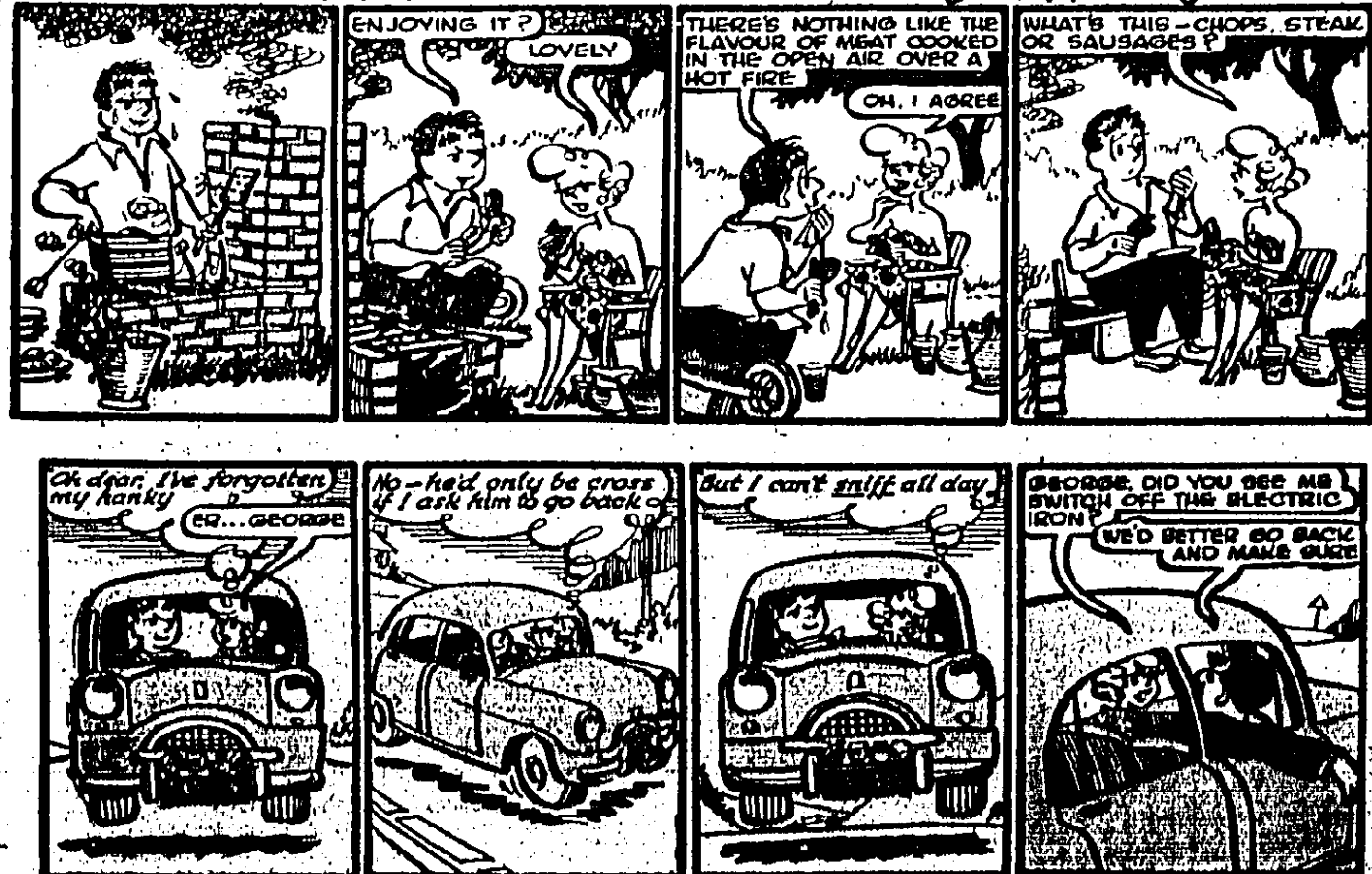
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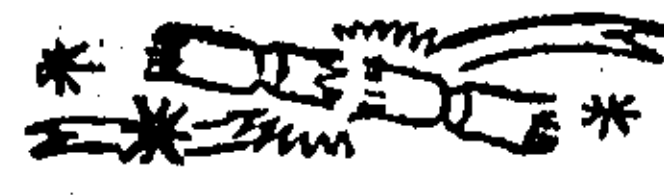
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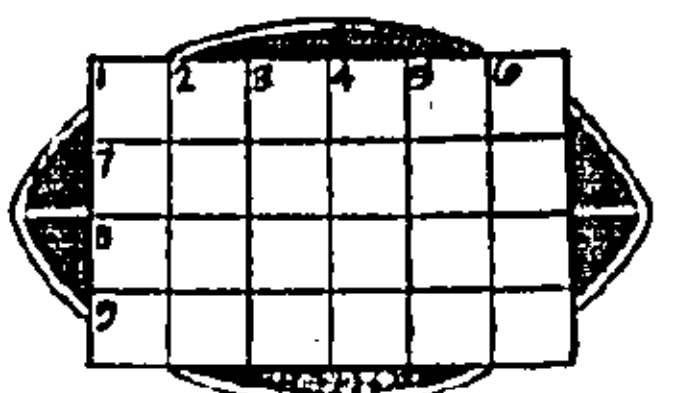


# FEATURES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



## YOUR PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD



Cartoonist Cal has placed Puzzlemaster's crossword puzzle on the silhouette of something a boy may find under the Christmas tree.

**ACROSS**  
1 Something we enjoy  
7 Part of a radio or television  
8 Bridge holding  
9 Rubbed out

**DOWN**  
1 Settle  
2 Equal  
3 Measure  
4 Narrow inlet  
5 Silent (in music)  
6 May be under the Christmas tree

### TRIANGLE

Puzzlemaster hangs his word triangle from SIERRA this time. The second word is "an Asiatic country"; third "a Dutch city"; fourth "edge"; and fifth "an Egyptian god." Finish the triangle from the clues:

SIERRA  
Y  
E  
R  
A

### MISSING VOWELS

One vowel has been left out of the first sentence below and a different vowel has been left out of the second sentence. Can you complete the two sentences?

Omls clods in a hrrricane are gly and hmdrm.

Yur ful gal lss lss the cntest fr ur schll.

### HIDDEN LOCATIONS

The first of these sentences conceals a country and the second hides a state. Can you find them?

After I put down the papers, I answered the door.

The pitcher said a hot strike across the plate.

(Solutions on Page 23)

### HOW TO MAKE A BEAN TO NECKLACE

THIS IS JUST THE THING TO MAKE FOR MOM'S CHRISTMAS GIFT.

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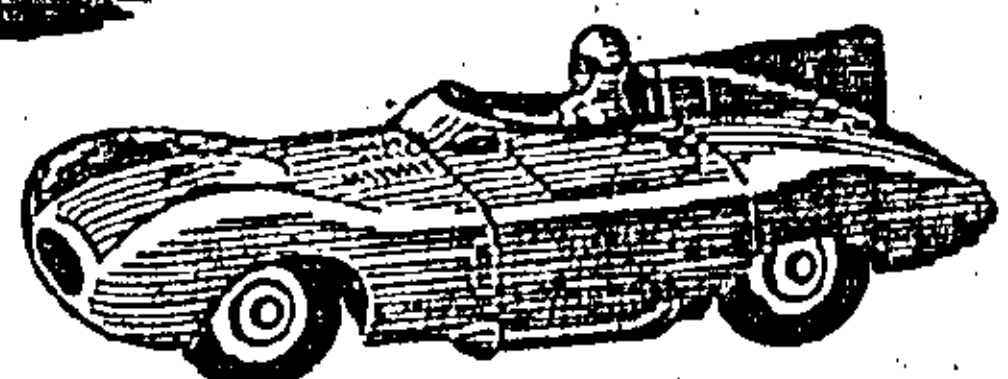
2. NEXT DAY WASH OFF EXCESS COLOR WITH RUNNING WATER AND STRING ONTO A 60 INCH LONG NYLON STRING... LIKE THIS...

3. PUSH BEANS CLOSE TOGETHER AS YOU STRING THEM.

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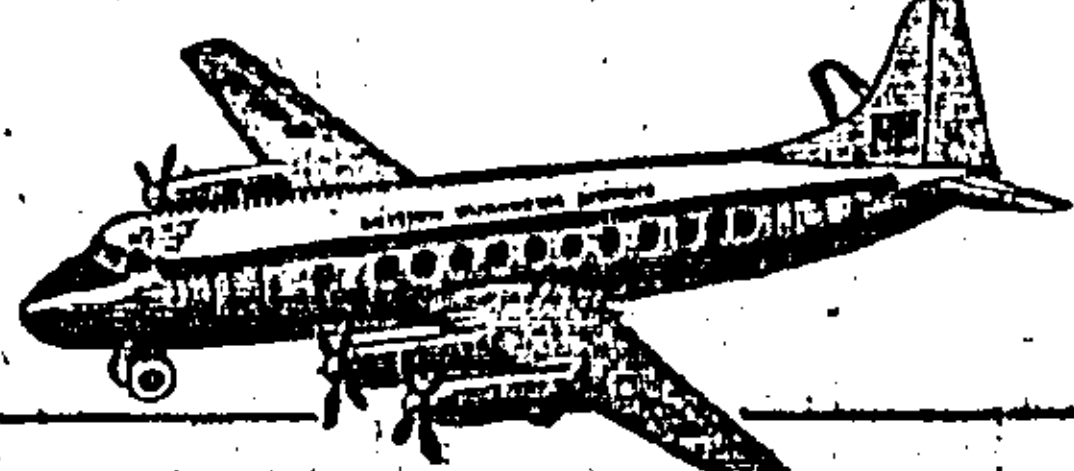
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## How A Vine Became A Christmas Legend In Texas

By LEE PRIESTLEY

IN the Texas countryside in the region of San Antonio an evergreen vine sparkling with cheerful red berries is highly prized as a Christmas decoration.

But the San Antonians of Mexican descent will tell you that the Margil vine has not always been available for such use. It all happened because of Shavano, the Indian boy.

Shavano lived long ago near the mission of San Antonio de Valero established in 1716. The Indian boy had come to know and love good Fray Antonio Margil, the padre presidente of the Texas Missions, who had founded San Antonio de Valero. Shavano had a problem.

It was such a serious problem that Shavano climbed the poplar tree that was his special thinking place. Whenever anything troubled him, he perched high among the green leaves until he could find a solution. Shavano sighed. If he could solve this problem.

Fray Antonio has chosen Shavano to represent the Christ Child in the Christmas Nativity scene. The Indian boy felt that one so honoured should bring a rich gift to place at the altar. And he was so poor. He had nothing to bring.

Shavano remembered what the good man had told him. "If you love the Christ Child he knows

it and needs no rare and costly gift. But I should like to bring him a star or a cloud," the Indian boy thought.

Then he climbed down from the poplar tree. There at the foot of the tree he saw a wisp of green vine, jewelled with red berries. It was a pretty thing. Carefully, Shavano dug the vine and potted it in an earthen jar. Then he placed it at the foot of the manger.

Turning away he heard excited whispers. "Miraculo! A miracle!" Shavano turned to look at the altar.

His tiny vine had suddenly grown into twining beauty and now wrapped the manger with shining green leaves and crimson berries. It was the most beautiful gift of all.

The Indian boy remembered what the good Fray Margil had said about gifts and so he named the beautiful vine for the good old man who knew that love was the best gift of all.

## THE MAYAS TOLD A STRANGE CREATION TALE

THE "POPOL VUH" (Book of Community) is a compilation of the sacred teachings of the Maya tribe known as Quiche. They inhabited northern Guatemala at the time of the Spanish conquest.

LAU YUN SHING — The book was written in the Quiche language, but used the Spanish alphabet. It has been described as the most important of all pre-Columbian American literature.

The native author worked between 1554 and 1558. Later, the volume was translated into Spanish, French and German. An English translation did not appear until 1950.

It is interesting to compare this Quiche story of creation with our own:

There was a time when the world did not exist. Then a great expanse of the water appeared. After this the earth rose out of the water.

Of living things, birds and beasts were first created to worship the gods. But, to the gods, they proved too stupid to do this.

Therefore it was decided to create man, to worship. The first men were made of mud. But these, although capable of speech, were very inert creatures, indeed. So they were destroyed.

The second time, man was made of wood. But he lacked intelligence and could not worship.

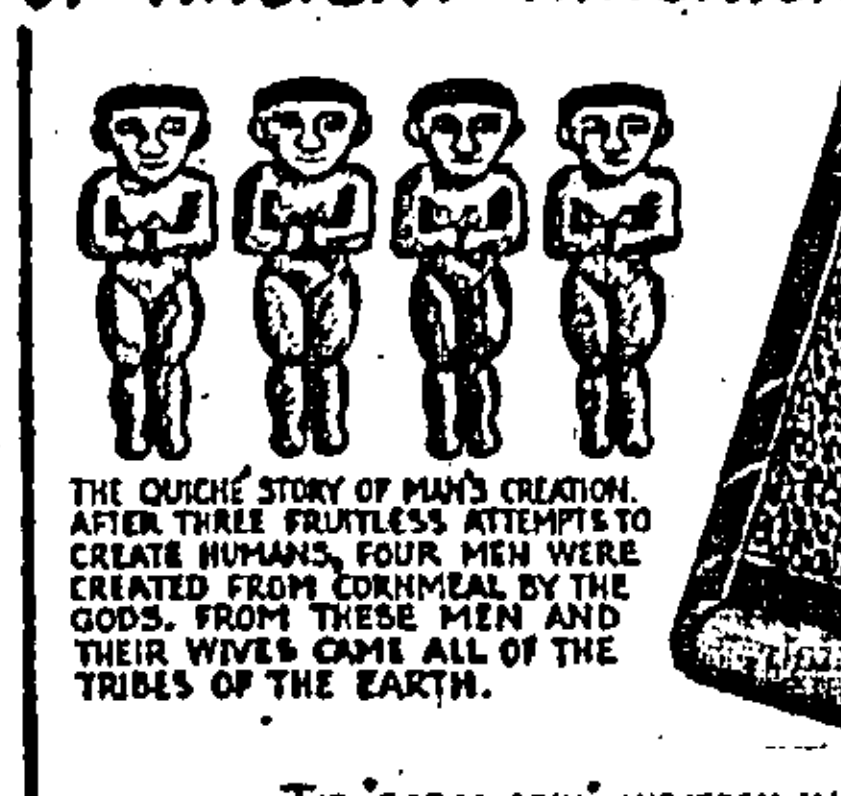
A third construction proved as fruitless as the first two. Finally, four men were created from cornmeal and so great was their knowledge that they knew all things at once. The alarmed gods restricted

their intellect to human proportions and, from these four men and their wives, came all the tribes of the earth.

The Popol Vuh contains both fact and fable. It deals mostly with the exploits of mythical characters and with prayers. It was compiled from several sources.

—By R. S. Craggs

### Bible OF ANCIENT AMERICA



THE "POPOL VUH", WRITTEN IN THE QUICHE LANGUAGE WITH THE SPANISH ALPHABET.

## He Invented The First Stove

"BR-R-R. IT'S COLD outside," said Mary as she leaned against the front door to close it against the wintry wind. Mother looked up from her knitting to call "Hello," and then she chuckled.

"I'll bet that's just what Benjamin Franklin said before he invented the Franklin stove."

"What?" asked Mary as she went to stand by the warm radiator.

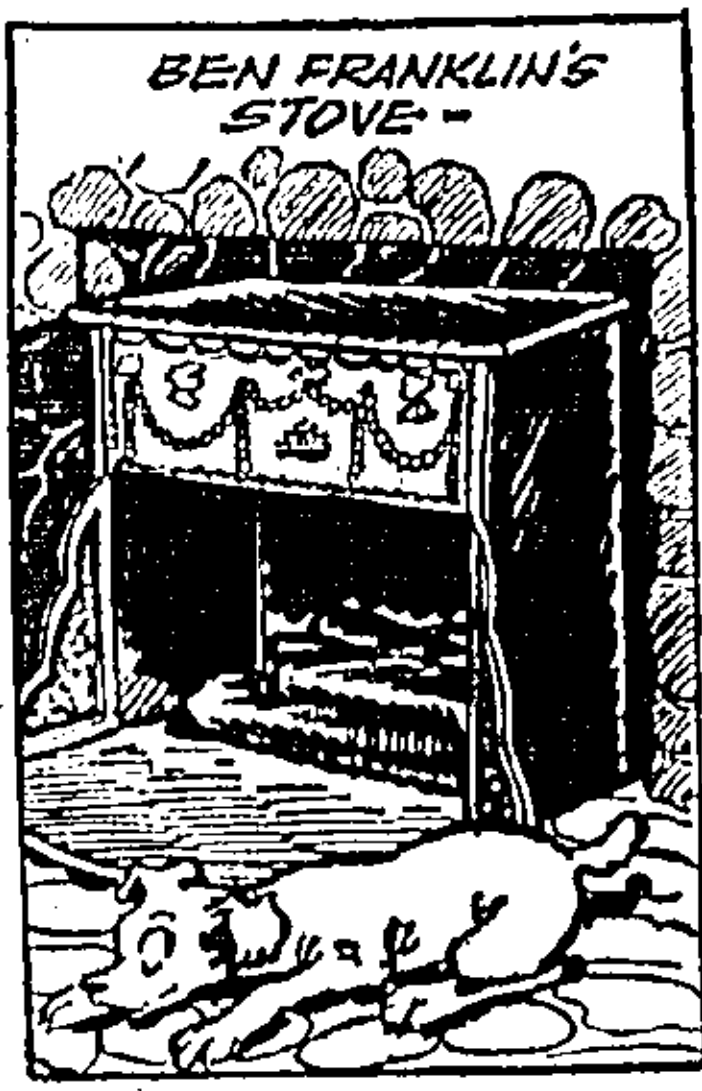
"I'll bet he said 'Br-r-r. It's cold in here,' and then began to figure how to keep the fireplace heat from going up the chimney instead of warming the house."

"But why didn't he just let the fire go out and close the draft?" asked Mary, talking off her heavy coat.

"Because the fireplace was the only thing he had to heat with in those days. That was long ago when there were no stoves or furnaces. There was an open fireplace in almost every room, and even the cooking had to be done over the open fire or in ovens built into the fireplace."

You mean they didn't even have an old-fashioned cook stove to cook with?" asked Mary.

"No, dear. Not until Franklin invented it. Can you imagine what it was like to cook all food by hanging it over the open fire? Women used heavy iron pots and



kettles then, and they had to lift and carry big heavy utensils full of food. Women should be awfully thankful to Mr. Franklin. He was the first inventor to take heavy labour from housekeeping, I guess."

"I didn't know that," said Mary. "I knew Benjamin Franklin was a statesman and a writer, and I knew he had proved that lightning was electricity, with a kite and a key, but I didn't know about the stove."

"Yes, dear, Franklin invented the first closed iron stove with its chimney to let out the smoke but keep the heat in the house. He invented many other practical things too."

"He must have been awfully rich, with everybody needing the things he invented," said the practical Mary.

"No, dear, he didn't get rich from his inventions. He didn't take out even one patent on any of them. He felt that what God let him learn he should teach to others without charge. So he taught other people to make the things he learned to make."

Mary hung her coat in the closet and came back to her mother's chair.

"You know, Mother, I didn't think much about Benjamin Franklin except that he's a part of history, but now I'll always remember him, especially in the winter, and he glad he lived to make everybody comfortable."

—By VENUS INGLISH

### HOW TO BORROW

M. P. CUNTOUS: I say, old man, I'm in a terrible fix. I need some money, badly, and I haven't the slightest idea where I'm going to get it from.

T. I. TWADD: I'm relieved to hear that I was afraid that you might have an idea you could borrow it from me.

## Bottle Brush Gets Glamour

IT WAS a mid-December Saturday about thirty years ago. The air was tingling with Christmas. A New York manufacturer of bottle brushes felt it and showed a report deep into a desk drawer.

"Brushes, brushes, always brushes!" he exclaimed impatiently. "And Christmas, just around the corner!"

He was about to leave a Broadway toy shop, with a package of dolls under his arm, he noticed a charming little artificial Christmas tree.

He examined it. The tree was made on exactly the same



principle as his bottle brushes (the kind so handy for washing milk bottles).

The twisted wires made the trunk. The fibres secured between the wires formed the

branches, which were coloured green and graduated to imitate a tree top. A wooden base gave firm support to the little emblem of Noel.

He asked the price. "A dollar," said the proprietor. "It's imported."

The brush maker took it home, and it was much admired by all the family as it stood on the mantel through the holidays.

Then instead of packing it away with the other Christmas ornaments, the brush man took it to the factory. When the manager saw it, he smiled understandingly.

By the next holiday season, similar little trees, glamour cousins of the bottle brushes appeared in all the toy stores and in the 5-and-10's.

From year to year the designs have varied with changes in the fashion in colour and ornament. Also, Christmas wreaths of like construction have been produced.

Now most of the year the factory is still producing only the prosaic brushes.

But as the days begin to shorten, some one of the workers is sure to say, "It won't be long now. And presently comes a dramatic shift to big production of Christmas trees."

Naturally, following the discovery of the tie between the two kinds of merchandise, other bottle brush makers have taken up the novelty. But no danger of too many Christmas trees.

And one thing about the bottle brush type — it never sheds any needles.

—By Mary Burhoe

## MAKE THESE FOR THE TREE

TWO TINFOIL WRAPPERS from sticks of chewing gum will make a silvery cross to hang on the Christmas tree.

Open each wrapper flat. Then fold it in half lengthwise, twice.

Snip an inch off the end of one strip. This will serve as the crosspiece.

Lay it across the longer piece, so it forms a cross. Scotch tape the two pieces together both back and front.

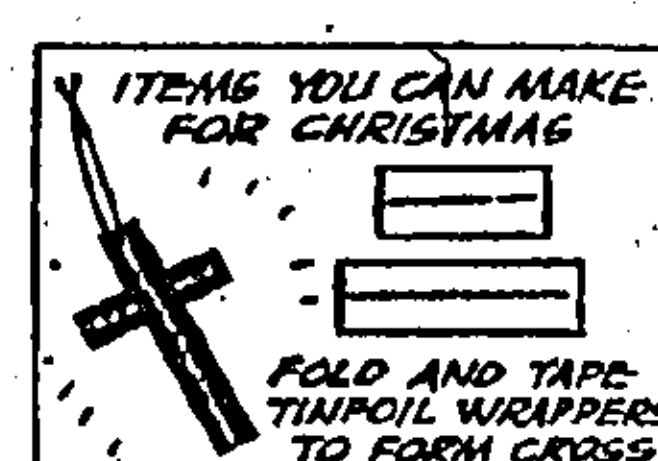
Punch a small hole in the top of the cross. Thread a 6" piece of Christmas twine or yarn through the hole and the ends to make a loop, so the cross can be hung over a tree branch.

FOR A REALLY CHRISTMASY bookmark, tie a single jingle bell to the centre of a 20" length of elastic thread. Tie the thread ends in a good knot.

To use, the loop of thread is slipped over the book, to the page you wish marked, with the jingle bell at the top.

Why not make several of these bookmarks as Christmas presents for people on your gift list?

SCRAPE OF red or green cloth from Mom's scrap bag makes these "garlands" for someone on your gift list.



ITEMS YOU CAN MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS

FOLD AND TAPE TINFOIL WRAPPERS TO FORM CROSS



BOOKMARK MADE FROM ELASTIC THREAD AND SMALL JINGLE BELL

Each coaster is a three-inch square piece of gingham, Indian head or any kind of cloth which is easy to fringe. Pull the threads on all 4 sides until the fringe is 1/4" deep.

These coasters are nice enough just as they are. But you can decorate each with a lasting design, if desired.

Draw a star, ball, tree, or any design, in the centre of each square, with crayons. Lay the coaster face down on a piece of brown paper and press lightly over the back with a warm iron.

This sets the colour so it will not wash out or rub off.

Six coasters make a nice set.

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## A Yuletide Joke That Lasted

NO newspaper writer

ever cut up more high jinks and got away with more practical joking than Eugene Field, the celebrated Chicago columnist. He was always having fun at the expense of his employer, Melvin E. Stone, for whom he conducted his department "Sharps and Flats" in the Chicago Daily News.

Once, when Field wanted a raise in pay, he dressed four of his children in tattered clothing, and went with them to face the boss in his office.

While the writer quickly bared his head, the youngsters set up a pitiful chant about their poor father's need.

Stone knew the act had been carefully rehearsed, but he was a good sport and promptly boosted Field's salary.

However, he once thought he could get back at his columnist. This was the Christmas when Field let Stone know he was not satisfied with the turkey that each employee usually got. Field would prefer a new suit to the turkey. The request gave the boss an idea.

Came Christmas Eve and a messenger boy handed Field a rectangular cardboard box. It was beautifully wrapped and looked as if it had come from Chicago's finest haberdasher.

But when the writer opened it, he got a jolt. The box contained a convict's suit, stripes and all.

If Field was disappointed, he never let on. Very carefully he hung the suit up in his office.

The striped garb stirred one guest's curiosity so much that he managed to draw Field off into a corner where he asked him what he, a convict, was doing there.

Never batting an eye, the columnist confessed that he was a "lifer" and had been sentenced to serve out a long term of hard labour for Stone.

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## There Is Such A Person

—Christopher Tells How He Saw Jack Frost—

By MAX TRELL

THIS is the story that Christopher Crick told to Teddy the Stuffed Bear. It was the Small-Sized Wooden Indian and Knarf, the Shadow-Boy with the Turned-About Name, as they all sat around the crackling fire in the fireplace.

"Let's back again," Christopher Crick said. "I saw him last night."

"Who?" asked Knarf. "Jack," said Christopher. "Jack? Who?" asked Teddy the Stuffed Bear.

"His last name is Frost," said Christopher.

Great Surprise Knarf and Teddy expressed great surprise that Christopher should have met Jack Frost. However, they merely grunted and said that nobody ever saw Jack Frost. He was just a name for the wind and the snow and the coldness of winter.

"But I really saw him," Christopher Crick insisted. "And I felt him, even before I saw him."

Everything Got Cold "I was sitting outside on the back steps when all of a sudden everything got cold. The next second, Jack Frost came up from some place in the back of the garden. He was carrying an icicle-cane in one hand and, in the other, he had a big suitcase that looked like a block of ice. On the suitcase was marked his name—Jack Frost."

"How are you, Chris?" Jack Frost said to me. "Here I am again! It's good to be back in this neighbourhood."

Chris Shivered "I'm br-r-r—glad to see you, Jack!" I said, shivering. "Come now," said Jack. "You don't feel cold, do you?"

"No-no," I said. "Not much. Br-r!"

Jack took my arm. "Perhaps you're right, Christopher," he said. "No one seems to like the cold except me. Let's take a little walk."

"Where did you go with snow?"

"I don't know why he did it," said Christopher. "But I'll tell you what happened when he did."

"He touched a tree and all the leaves turned brown and fell off. He touched a bush and it appeared on all the twigs. He touched the grass and it turned white."

"Finally we reached the lake," Christopher said. "What happened there?"

"Well," said Christopher. "Jack touched the edge of the water with his icicle-cane. Instantly the water turned to ice."

Go Ice-Skating "The children will like this," Jack Frost said. "They will be able to go ice-skating."

"X—yes," I said to Jack. "And I hope they'll feel warmer than I do right now!"

"Oh, they'll feel fine," said Jack. "Once they slide around the lake, they'll be as warm as toast. And do you know what I've got in this suitcase of mine? I've got a nice little snowstorm."

"P—please," I begged Jack, as he put down the suitcase and started to open it. "Don't let's have a snowstorm. Give me a chance to get back to my warm house first."

Jack Was Laughing "I ran as fast as I could. And behind me I heard Jack laughing. "Don't worry, Little Crick!" I heard Jack say. "I won't let this snowstorm out until you see me and snug in your little house."

Knarf and Teddy were delighted with Christopher Crick's story about Jack Frost. But Knarf, the Small-Sized Wooden Indian, only frowned glumly and shook his head and reported that there was no such person as Jack Frost. "It was only a name for the wind and snow and the coldness of the winter."



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## YOUR BIRTHDAY...By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21-

**B**ORN today, you have originality and individuality as your two outstanding characteristics. You are always embarking upon some new glimmer. Dreams, schemes and grandiose projects are all in your head and you come out with them as if they were quite as simple as ABC. You don't understand why others don't think they are quite as easy. You like to plan these schemes but have others do the hard work for them. And, since you have a magnetic personality, you are usually able to find cohorts who will work along with you. Just make sure that all your ideas are sound, your aim fair and square and your ideals always held high.

Actually, you are a reformer, at heart. But this can become a talent for just changing things around merely for the sake of activity, rather than an attempt to make a move for the better. For one so taken up with giant schemes you worry a lot over details. Intrigued by the mysterious and the occult, you need to take care that you are not unduly influenced by omens and "signs".

You are rather too fond of the good things of life and should take care of your diet. Good health is of the utmost importance to the carrying out of your plans. Beware of expending your nervous energy too freely, for when tired, you become irritable and an outburst of temper at the wrong moment can undo the most carefully-laid plans.

Among those born on this date were: Benjamin Disraeli, British statesman; Joseph Stalin, Russian dictator; Irene Dunham, manufacturer and financier; Albert Payson Terhune and Edward Hungerford, authors; Laura D. Bridgman, educator; and David L. Brainard, explorer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This can be a day of pleasant relaxation—if you have completed your Christmas plans—or, contrarily, one of hectic hurry.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Expect the unexpected today. Unheralded company might arrive, so make sure to be prepared.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can make this a harmonious day. Diplomacy and tact are the answers to all problems, major or minor.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The path of true love may not be running too smoothly, so be cautious. Relax tensions and get plenty of rest.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Slow and easy wins today's race. Haste can only make waste, so take your time. Do as much as you can and that's that!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Friendly sociableness is to be desired. Make concessions, if necessary, to avoid even a minor argument.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—You can dispel any misunderstanding if you are frank and honest about things. Be considerate of the opinions of others.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—Keep a good hold on your emotions and don't let off the handle at some minor upset.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Try to get some much-needed rest today. Take a deep breath and be ready for the busy holiday week ahead.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The unexpected could happen today, so be prepared for anything. Personal affairs are at odds and ends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Tact is a much-needed quality today. Things may not be exactly as they seem on the surface. Be polite.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Guard friendship carefully. If you are tactful, you can avoid a major misunderstanding at this time.

**B**ORN today, you have a vivid, magnetic personality which lights up your talent brilliantly. The stars have given you good, all-around talent which brings you a better than average success without too much effort. Actually, life is a little too easy for you and thus you may live in pleasant mediocrity, rather than shine in the true brilliance of your real talents. With a little more concentration on a major objective and some hard work, you may court fame as well as fortune.

You have a good mind but—face it! You have a distaste for manual labour of any kind. You may live in intense cultural life, but when it comes down to the hard facts of grubbing, you are at something of a loss. If you are in a position to hire people to do your detail work, then all goes well with you. Otherwise, detail work is left undone—unless, of course, you discipline yourself to do what has to be done. And for many, this may be a necessary discipline.

Since you are in large degree master of your own fate, it behoves you to set your eyes on a star and follow it. You are inclined to underestimate your talents. Exert more self-confidence. You are not one to take others into your confidence, and sometimes you go along, being irritated by a problem which might easily be solved if you would only take it over with someone. Select a marriage partner who understands your rather complex nature and who can encourage you to do your best work. With such a mate, your happiness and success is assured.

Among those born on this date were: William Ellery, U.S. patriot; Andre Kostelanetz, orchestra conductor; E. A. Robinson, poet; Deems Taylor, composer; Josiah B. Grinnell, educator; Opie Read and Augustus Maurice Barres, authors; James E. Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia; and George R. Minot, historian.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Get an early start this morning if you have last-minute shopping to attend to. No more procrastination!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Afternoon and evening can be difficult unless you have taken care of important details beforehand.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your attitude toward things is what counts now. Be optimistic and positive, even if hurried and harried.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take time out to relax today. There are busy times ahead and you will need all your strength!

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—A busy, tense day. Get an early start if you want to get every necessary thing done. But be sure of facts before you act.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Morning is best; afternoon is fair, but the evening hours are filled with confusion. Exert caution.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)—If you have been industrious, then today holds no terrors for you in the matter of last-minute preparations.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 23)—A tense undercurrent in which to make haste is to err. Take your time and be efficient and you act.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—This can be a day of heavy pressure unless you are well organized. Plan carefully and then stick to your schedule.

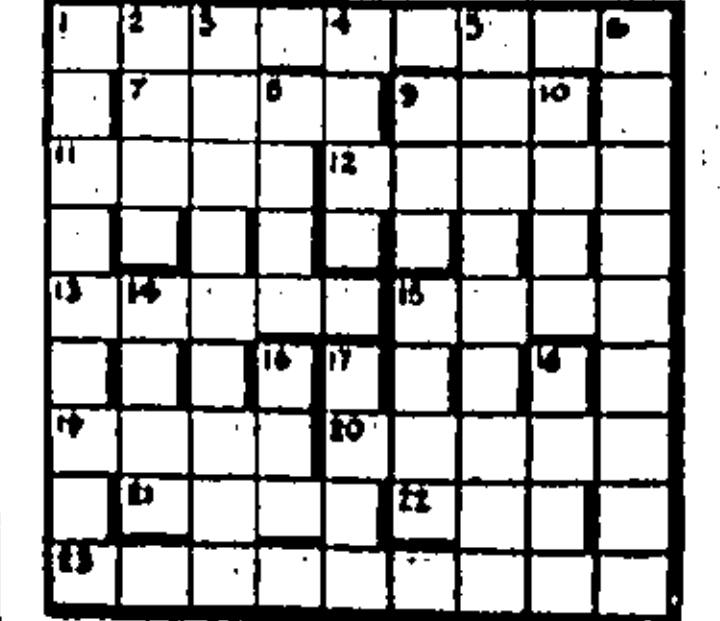
**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take the initiative early this morning and hold it. Otherwise there will be confusion this afternoon.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—An undercurrent of under-

ability during the afternoon can bring confusion. Get important work done before lunchtime.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Impulsive action is definitely out of order. Take your time to give things a second, more careful look.

**CROSSWORD**



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## PARADE

## POLAND'S TEAMSTERS

A Warsaw evening paper reports a widespread racket amongst brewery draymen. The paper says that vodka, beer and mineral waters are delivered only to those shops and restaurants which pay bribes. There have been large scale dismissals amongst the draymen.

## WISE WOMEN

A medical survey in Malaya revealed that Malay mothers are obsessed with the belief that the more exacting their demands for special foods during pregnancy the earlier time they will have at childbirth.

## INTUITIVE COUNSELLORS

Two lawyers are standing for election as mayor and city councillor in Western Pennsylvania's coming elections. The odd thing is they are both blind.

## POLISH PLANNING

The entire plant of a weaving shed in Lodz, including 14 valuable looms, has been stolen.

The thieves included the works fireman, a policeman and an ambulance driver, who used his vehicle to remove the

machinery to a distant part of the province. The gang was arrested when they tried to sell their booty.

## ICECAP FLYERS

United States armed forces soon will be operating an internal airline in Antarctica and an external one from Antarctica to New Zealand that will exceed in size the combined internal and external airlines of New Zealand.

American Rear Admiral George Dufek said eight Globemasters would be allotted to the external airline and six jet-assisted ski-equipped Neptune patrol bombers and "a dozen or so" DC3s and helicopters would run the internal service.

An American team of experts will visit Cape Bernacchi in McMurdo Sound to investigate a possible site for a permanent rock-based concrete airport. The firm it is said to not like the existing ice fields.

## YANKEE LONG LEGS

Pete McDonald, 37-year-old New Yorker, who is walking across the United States on stilts, has passed his midway point, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He averages about 30 miles a day.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

**HIRSCHWALD**, the celebrated phrenologist, endorsing the empiricism of Dr. Gall, says that a bump close to the bregma suture indicates acquisitiveness.

That no doubt explains why the Harrogate phrenologist who got into a brawl the other day, and emerged with a lump the size of a Patagonian pomgranate, always wears his hat during consultations. I once consulted a phrenologist for fun on a seaside pier. He told me I was a clever engineer. "I have to be," said I. "I designed the single-span bridge over the Severn at its source, north-east of Plinlimmon."

## To an entertainer

Some people used to think that, possibly, Man was descended from the chimpanzee. But when your bathwater gubbering began, "I have glimpsed the chimpanzee's descent from Man."

## An unusual case—!

"YOU claim," said the magistrate, "that you had only one trouser-leg. Why did you wear that single trouser on the left leg rather than on the right?" "I am left-handed," replied the man. "Then if," continued the magistrate, "you had had a pair of trousers, you would have put your left leg into them first?" "No, both to-

gether," said the man. "But that would have meant jumping into them, surely?" replied the magistrate. "You can't get both legs in simultaneously." "You can if you sit down and do it slowly," said the man. "Otherwise you might get the left leg into the right trouser and vice versa." "Could you not," asked the magistrate, "have cut the trouser in two and made it into a pair of shorts?" "Of course I could have," said the man, "but that would have looked as if I didn't possess even one trouser." "We will continue this after the lunch interval," said the magistrate.

## Anticlimax

THE small red thing which fell into a pond near Swargate last week has been examined by scientists and pronounced to be a tomato. Said Professor Langton-Robinson: "There is no likelihood that the tomato came from space. It probably fell from a market-cart."

## CHESS NEWS

Solution No. 5320: 1 Qx7 chf, 2 B-B5 ch, 3 B-K2, 3 Q-B1 ch, 4 K-K1, 5 R-K8 ch, 6 B-B1, 5 RxB mate.

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**DARTWORDS START HERE**

THE first word indicated by the arrow is **GNU**. The last word in the centre is **GNU**. Your puzzle is to complete the words by rearranging the letters of the words in the centre. In each case, the word you form must be a word in the dictionary. The words you form must be of the same length as the word in the centre. The words you form must be of the same length as the word in the centre. The words you form must be of the same length as the word in the centre.

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## Spanish-American Relations: DULLES, FRANCO CONFER

### No Discussion On Missile Launching Sites

Madrid, Dec. 20.  
American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, conferred for three hours today with General Francisco Franco and told newsmen afterwards that the construction of missile launching sites in Spain had not been discussed.

Dulles called on the Spanish chief of state at Franco's official Madrid residence, El Pardo Palace, in a quick trip to Spain after the Nato summit meeting in Paris.

Dulles said Franco had spoken to him of the Spanish-Moroccan dispute concerning the Spanish enclave of Ifni, the North African situation in general, and Spanish economic problems.

Dulles gave Franco his personal interpretation of the Nato conference, the Secretary of State said. Dulles told the reporters he believed Spain was making a great contribution to the results achieved at the Nato meeting.

#### Departs

Dulles left for the United States from Madrid airport this evening. Before departing, he said that tomorrow, he would present to President Eisenhower a report showing how solid, cordial and good Spanish-American relations were.

Dulles said he hoped to be able to visit Spain again soon. Before leaving for the airport, Dulles attended a cocktail party given in his honour by the American Ambassador to Spain, John Davis Lodge. Dulles had an opportunity to talk with the Spanish ministers who had met him earlier today at the Torrejon de Ardoz base, as well as with the heads of American military and economic missions to Spain.—France-Press.

### Australians In Match Against NE Transvaal

Benoni, Dec. 20.  
John Drennan, the Australian fast bowler, broke down with leg trouble in a match here today and is now certain to miss the first test against South Africa, which begins on Monday.

Drennan has been suffering from a pulled leg muscle, but the Australians had hoped he would successfully come through the try-out he was having in the two-day match against Northeastern Transvaal which opened today. The home side won the toss and by lunch had scored 47 for two wickets.

**SCOREBOARD**  
First Innings  
P. Davies b Davidson 0 b 24  
H. Woolley c Favell b 16  
K. Helfrich not out 2  
Extras 2

Total (for two wickets) 47  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-37.  
At tea, Northeastern Transvaal were 107 for four wickets, after scoring extremely slowly. Tea was taken ten minutes early because of rain.

**Second Innings**  
Bhm Spies not out 49 k 2  
Helfrich b Kline 19  
J. Richardson st Grout b 13  
A. Parker not out 5  
Extras 5

Total (for 4 wickets) 107  
Fall of wickets: 3-46, 4-80.  
Northeastern Transvaal had scored 188 for eight in their first innings by the close.

**ADD SCOREBOARD**  
Northeastern Transvaal—  
First Innings  
B. Spies b Burke 67  
P. Thorne b Simpson 40  
D. Player not out 15  
F. Smith c Grout b Kline 17  
J. Dolan not out 9  
Extras (B-8, NB-1) 9

Total (for eight wickets) 188  
Wicket falls: 5-149, 6-149, 7-152, 8-116.  
—China Mail Special.

### HKCC Teams To Play Services

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against the combined R.N.R.A.F. on Sunday, December 22, at Chater Road. The match starts at 11.30 a.m.

T. N. Leigh-Bennett, J. T. Baugh, P. B. Gull, L. D. Kilbee, T. P. Mahon, H. Owen Hughes, G. T. Rowe, P. D. Soughan, J. L. Stanton, M. S. Watts, L. White, 12th Man C. A. Ship.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against the Army on December 23 at Chater Road. The match starts at 11.30 a.m.

T. A. Pearce, P. B. Gull, R. H. Hughes, C. R. Joynt, R. M. Macpherson, G. H. P. Pritchard, P. D. Soughan, K. G. Spink, I. L. Stanton, M. S. Watts, L. White, 12th Man J. T. Baugh.

#### NAMESAKES

Answers:—1 Criminals, 2 Paragraph, 3 Mousetrap, 4 Detect, 5 Thrills, 6 Belgian, 7 Suspicion, 8 Theatre, 9 Drama, 10 Nigger Boys, 11 Queens, 12 Pits, 13 Poirot, 14 Novels.

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### REDIFFUSION

11 a.m.—Morning Medley; 11.30—"The Great Sea," Episode 15; 12 Noon, Tune Time; 12.30 p.m., Three Men On A Mile—Felix, Micky, Gordon MacLure and Sonny James; 1.30, Weather Report, News and Special Announcements; 1.30, George MacLure and his Orchestra; 2, Saturday Requests—Presented by Betty; 3, Year Year—The Song of the Year; 3.30, Philo Vance—"The Redhead Murder Case"; 4, Songs of the Frontier; 4.30, Rhythm Parade; 5, Melody Magic; 5.30, Meet The Stars—Margaret Whiting and Billy Eckstine; 6, Music by Night; 7, Time Signal, and the News; 7.30, Weather Forecast; 8, Announcements; 8.30, The Songs of Mariee Dietrich; 9, Rediffusion Jazz Club—Presented by Philip Dickens; 9.30, Tru Amigos; 9.45, Strangely Tale of Eastern—Episode 10; 10, Voice of Sport; 10.30, Parade; 10.30, Music From Maxine; 10.30, Hollywood Open House—Starring Lulu Rainer; 10.30, Dance Music by Giancarlo and his Orchestra; 11, Dance Party; 12 Mid-night, God Save The Queen, Close Down.

### TELEVISION

2 p.m., Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra; 2.30, "Life of Riley"; 3, Commentary On Rugby Football; 4.10, "Mr. District Attorney"; 4.30, Watercolour Landscapes; 5, Children's Hour—Cartoons; 5.15, Children's Songs—Selected and sung by Robin Williams; 5.30, Children's Hour—Jungle Jim in "The King's Ghost"; 6, Close Down; 7.30, "Gladys and Brunelle" Featuring Shirley Simmons and Jan Carter with Henri Morgan at the Piano; 7.45, "Newsreel"; 8, "Meet Circus Boy"; 8.30, Alfred Hitchcock Presents; 8.30, "Back For Christmas"; 9, "Rosemary Clooney Show"; 9.30, "Highway Patrol"; 10, Evening Feature Film—"Room To Let"; 11, Late Night Final, Close Down.

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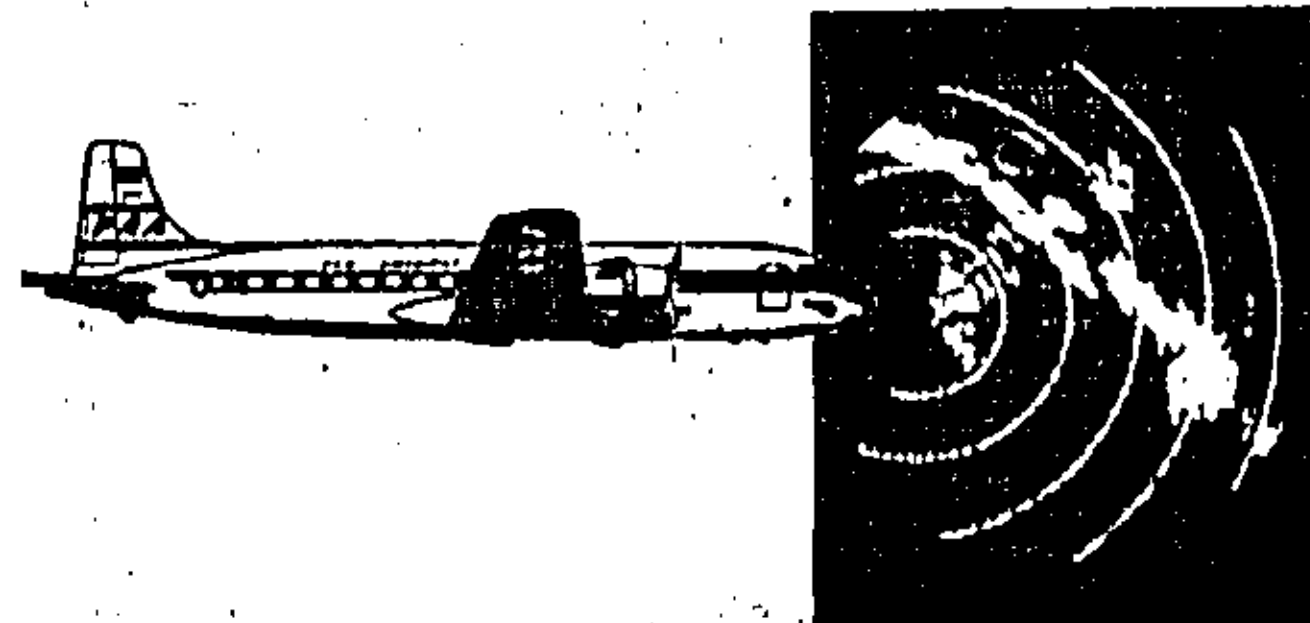
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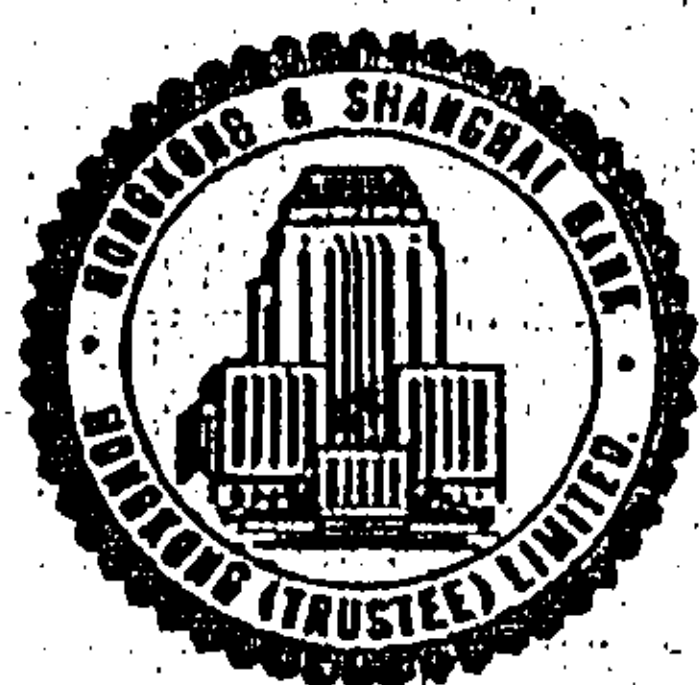


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